

# Israeli official: Albright to visit region in two weeks

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### By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will travel to the Middle East the week after next in a bid to prod the Israeli-Palestinian peace process forward, Albright will visit Syria during

her first visit to the region since assuming office, an Israeli embassy official said, adding that Jerusalem believes that she can be helpful in trying to restart talks that were suspended a year-and-a-half ago.

The US will officially announce Albright's travel schedule today, he said.

"It's a very good idea," the offi-cial said of Albright's stop in Damascus. "You have to do something for there to be talks. We want to speak with the Syrians. If we need the Americans' help to do so, that's okay."

Albright also is expected to meet with Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. But the five-day visit to the region will be dominated by meetings with Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. In a major policy speech here three weeks ago, Albright said she would visit the region at the end of August if she judged there to be sufficient progress on security cooper-

ation between Israel and the PA. At the time, she criticized the PA

# 4 IDF soldiers die in brush fire



IDF medical personnel evacuate a soldier who was injured in yesterday's brush fire in southern Lebanon in which four soldiers were killed. (Israe) Sun)

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# Tragedy occurs during gunbattle in southern Lebanon

### By DAVID RUDGE

Four IDF soldiers were burned to death and six others wounded -three seriously --- when caught in the middle of a fierce brushfire vesterday following a gunbattle in south Lebanon.

The IDF Spokesman identified three of the soldiers killed as St. Sgl. Oshri Schwartz, 19, from Or Akiva; St-Sgt. Oren Zarif, 21, from Herzliya; and Sgt. Shimon Yadag, 21, from Sderot.

The wounded were treated in the field once the flames died down and rescuers could reach them. They were later evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital and Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed.

One soldier was reported in critical condition and two others were said to have sustained serious injuries. Three were moderately

OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine last night appointed Maj-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, assistant to the head of operations, to investigate what happened

The catastrophe occurred in the aftemoon after a clash between troops from a Golani Brigade unit

and a squad from the Amal Shi'ite by gunmen. movement The troops had been on ambush duty in a thickly vegetated valley known as Wadi Hujuar west of Kanatra village on the border of the

security zone in the eastern sector. The Golani soldiers apparently took the Amal squad by surprise and opened fire at the gunmen, killing four. A fifth squad member was reportedly wounded but managed to escape.

There were no casualties among the IDF troops as a result of the gunfight, but they stayed in place as fighting continued in the area. Hizbullah claimed in a statement

from Beirut that its fighters joined the battle later and opened fire with machine guns and RPGs.

There were no casualties among the soldiers from the gunfight, but support units were called into action and began pounding the area with montars and artillery fire.

LAF helicopter gunships also went into action strating the ground, apparently to ensure there were no more summen around. A blaze broke out in the area and

quickly spread. It is not clear whether the brush fire was caused by the "friendly fire" or by rounds fired

A statement by the IDF Spokesman said that "an IDF force in action in the central sector of the security zone spotted a terrorist squad in the early afternoon. The force opened fire killing four terror-

"During the clash there was light arms fire and fire from helicopter gunships. In the area of the clash a brushfire erupted as a result of the shooting and heavy winds pro-pelled the fire towards the IDF force. The soldiers detected the approaching fire and tried to extricate themselves but the fire caught up with them and caused the death of four soldiers, and six were injured," the statement said.

OC Northem Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said the brushfire was apparently caused by antillery fire.

Itim reported that the fire broke out as a result of IDF fire. It said that the blaze spread quickly engulfing four soldiers, who were killed, and then setting off ammunition they were carrying, seriously injuring two other sol-

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for withholding security cooperation as leverage and not taking sufficient steps to suppress terrorism. Albright also rebuked Israel over Har Homa, saying it was undermining mutual trust by taking steps to predetermine the outcome of finalstatus talks.

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By NORMAN SPECTOR

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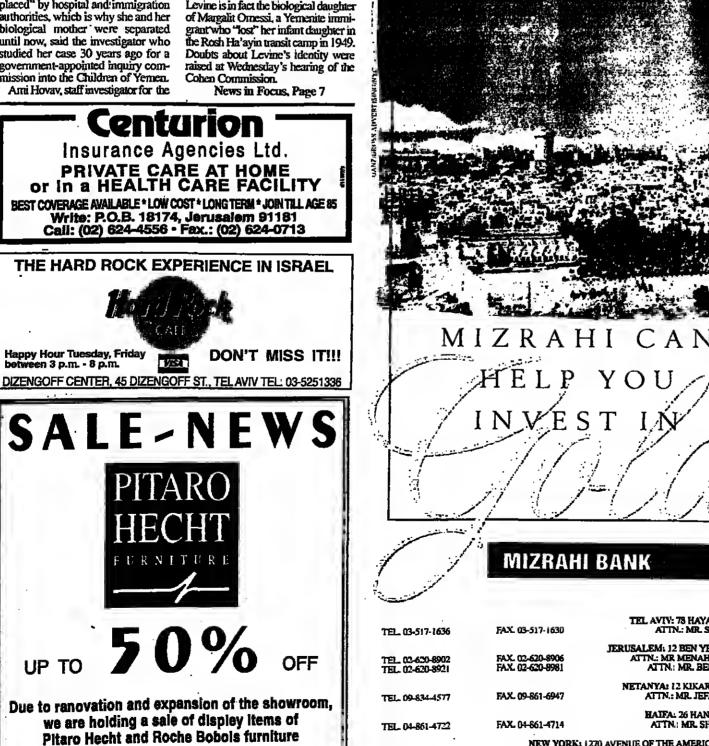
many changes since I asked for your views in May on what you

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would like to see in the paper.

indicate that Tsila Levine was "misplaced" by hospital and immigration authorities, which is why she and her biological mother were separated until now, said the investigator who studied her case 30 years ago for a government-appointed inquiry commission into the Children of Yemen. Ami Hovay, staff investigator for the

the DNA test and other evidence that Levine is in fact the biological daughter of Margalit Omessi, a Yemenite immigrant who "lost" her infant daughter in the Rosh Ha'ayin transit camp in 1949. Doubts about Levine's identity were raised at Wednesday's hearing of the Cohen Commission. News in Focus, Page 7



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The Defense Ministry said yesterday that an Israeli-Arab woman reportedly arrested for spying for Egypt had actually been detained on suspicion of helping Iraq.

"Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's media adviser stales that the Acre woman, Nadia Fuda, was arrested for spying for Iraq and not Egypt," a ministry statement said. It gave no further details.

Israel Radio said on Wednesday that Fuda, 45, of Acre, was married to an Egyptian doctor 11 years ago. She moved to Egypt and later passed "pictures and materials" to intelligence agents there in 1990 and 1991, it said, adding she returned to Israel five months ago and was arrested.

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

### Ten caravans added to settlement

The IDF yesterday authorized the entry of 10 caravans into the settlement of Talmon, west of Ramallah, after a delay caused by local officers' lack of acquaintance with an authorization, given six months ago. Aharon Domb, spokesman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that the caravans would be used for living in and as public rooms. and denied they were part of a new settlement. Itim

### Jordan Valley encampment demolished

The Civil Administration said yesterday it destroyed six Palestinian homes in the Jordan Valley area of the West Bank, five in Beit Dajan village and another in the Jiftlig. It said that the structures lacked permits.

Palestinians said the bulldozers razed six tents, 17 sheds, and one brick home, and that the site was home to 54 farm laborers since 1955

IDF soldiers arrested Yousef Ibrahim Abu Awad when he tried to block bulldozers from demolishing his shelter, witnesses Itim, Reuters

### Hebron Jewish cemetery rededicated

The rabbinical section of the Hebron Jewish cemetery was rededicated yesterday at a cost of NIS 500,000. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, French Chief Rabbi Joseph Sitruk and a congregation of thousands attended the ceremony. The donation, from a French Jewish family, will be used to provide paths and clean up the cemetery, which had become a field of thoms. The donor apparently was appalled by the state of the cemetery, where dozens of rabhis are buried. Itim

### Court extends remand of suspected attacker

Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday extended by eight days the remand of Omar Hijazi, 18, of Jerusalem, who is suspected of stabbing a 51-year-old Jerusalemite, David Oreostein, in a park behind the Kiog David Hotel in March. Two other teenagers were also suspected in the attack. Itim

### Deputy police chief indictment decision soon

The Justice Ministry denied reports yesterday that any recommendation was made by the Division for Investigating Policemen to indict Deputy Inspector-General Cmdr. Gabi Last who has been under investigation in connection with two cases involving threats.

A ministry spokesperson said that Last's file has been handed over to the state attorney's office, where a decision is expected within a few days. Last is suspected of threatening a Tel Aviv journalist and a Kfar Vitkin resident whom he believed had cooperated with the journalist. Last has also allegedly had contact with a Netanya underworld figure, Shlomo Abutbul, arrested on suspicioo of murder. Batsheva Tsur

# **Barak welcomes Shahor to Labor**

### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Major-General (res.) Oreo Shahor, the former governmen] coordinator with the Palestinians, announced yesterday he was joining the Labor Party and that he would take charge of its contacts with the Palestinian Authority.

Shahor stood alongside party Leader Ehud Barak, and they both sharply criticized Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, accusing him of bringing Israel to the verge of war.

"What we are witnessing now, is a veneer of talk about peace, under which the situation is plunging into violence and war, with the Palestinians and Syrians," Barak said.

"Israel has nothing to gain from these wars. We'll win them, so what. After the next armed intifada, we'll bury our dead, they'll bury their dead, who will be more numerous, and then we'll find ourselves round the table negotiating the same things."

The Likud quickly lashed out at Shahor's appointment, charging that he had "jumped into the polit-ical arena without a proper cooling off period." Labor was accused of taking Shahor "into its ranks long before he took off his uniform." A Likud statement also charged

that "Shahor's record casts a shadow on the public perception of top IDF officers." Shahor stepped down as policy

coordinator for the West Bank several months ago, after controversy stirred by a photograph showing him leaving then Labor leader Shimoo Peres' home late at night last November. He was also accused of briefing MK Yossi Beilio regularly about contacts with the Palestinians. Shahor shrugged off Likud's

criticism.

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itim

The Histadrut Teachers Union

yesterday announced it would

strike the first day of classes

Monday if school hours cut hy the

Education Ministry are not replaced, and if some 12,000 teach-

Avraham Beo-Shabbat said at a.

press conference in Tel Aviv that,

"the cuts in the class hours are still

in effect, despite the Education

Ministry's promises. We sull

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the dismissal of the 12,000 teachers

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For this reason, we will not permit

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"As a military man I served the state under different governments, never asking any commander what his political leanings were. The attempt to paint army commanders with political colors is grave indeed." Shahor said. He noted that Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai, and eveo President Ezer Weizman had joined the Likud soon after retiring from military service. Shahor also urged Likud politi-

the Palestinians.

cians to desist from hypocrisy. alleging that military commanders

annual contracts. "This 'ritual' of

ending the employment of

untenured teachers has been in

existence for dozens of years, and I

don't understand why the head of

the Histadrut Teachers Union

Avraham Ben-Shabbat is making

yesterday with acting prime minis-

ter David Levy and Likud and

Labor MKs concerning the cuts in

He said that ministry efforts had

only focused on returning funding

for the long school day, but not on

the regular classroom hours which

The teachers plan to demonstrate

from September 1-3 in protest.

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funding for equipment.

Ben-Shabbat was due to meet

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School strike likely

always met and still meet political leaders, and that Netanyahu also met with army officers when he was in the opposition. Shahor criticized the way that

Netanyahu ran negotiations with the Palestinians, saying the Israelis chosen for the job were oot as skilled as their Palestinian counterparts.

Labor Knesset members warmly welcomed Shahor at their meeting yesterday.

The general opinion was that he would be featured as a mayoral

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By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Accusing the Treasury of trying

to "rob the poor man's sheep" -

meaning their pension funds -

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al, Yehoshua Saguy.

Barak also announced the formation of three panels, for defense and foreign affairs, economic and political affairs. He plans to consult these groups before major decision-making to avoid fiascos such as his firing last week of half the party's staff, setting off protests which forced him to renege.

He said Labor needed "a large, popular party which touches people and unites all parts of society. including those who might not support Labor, but will vote for its leader.'

MK Avraham Shohat called the move to appoint several panels "a big and a bad mistake. We need a trim leadership team of some 10 to 12 persons and oot different groupings which will just add to the confusion and mix-up." List Collins also contributed to

this report

## Palestinians claim Israel stifles Bethlehem tourism

### By HAIM SHAPIRO and news agencies

Palestinians in Bethlehem remained gloomy yesterday despite the return of tourists after a fourweek closure, saying Israeli guides brought pilgrints to Christian holy sites but kept their money in their pockets.

Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz "Ninety-nine percent of tour threatened yesterday to stage a guides are Israelis and they have general strike or sanctions next week unless a list of demands killed our business." said a shopkeeper named Tony. "They don't allow tourists to huy from The union wants the Finance Ministry to promise it would

Bethlehem, they don't give them honor wage and pension agreetime to wander in the town and all

ning to pick up," said Abdallah Jakaman, receptionist at Casa Nova hotel.

Palestinian Christian clergy and church workers said they were yesterday being stopped from entering Jerusalem from Bethlehem. ...Papal .....Nuncio Andrea Montezernolo said that while foreigners were allowed through, Palestinians were still being stopped, Even the Latin Patriarch had difficulties when he went from Jerusalem Bethlehem, to

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Mootezemolo sud. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yestenday welcomed Israel's lifting of closure of Bethlehem on Wednesday bul added

Major-General (res.) Oren Shahor (right) shakes hands with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak (left) at Beit Sokolov in Tel Aviv, where they announced that Shahor was joining the party. Shahor served formerly as the government's policy coordinator with (Photo, Gideon Markowicz) candidate in upcoming municipal elections, possibly in Bat Yam, which Labor would like to wrest control from former Likud gener-



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of the 70,000 classroom hours originally cut by the ministry had still not been replaced. The union is demanding that the hours and teachers be replaced through a directive from Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell. Dell said that "the overwhelming majority" of the hours had been schools. returned, but that a small number were still being withheld "for extending the school day and unexpected needs which may come up when the long school day is introduced."

Dell took issue with the claims about the firing of 12,000 teachers. Traditionally, teachers in their first two years of work were hired on

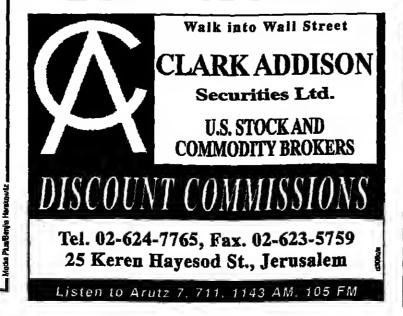
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future of the Israeli education sysdispute on August 18 in protest Meanwhile, pareots in the Arab against government privatization sector yesterday threateoed to launch "an educational intifada" if moves seen as threatening collective labor and pension agreements. the Education Ministry continues MK Peretz challenged Finance to discrimioate against their Minister Yaakov Neeman to cancel large pay hikes slated for Some 300,000 pupils in the Arab seolor officials, ministers and sector will miss the first three days MKs next week, ooting that they of school as Arab local councils would be receiving much more plan to keep the schools closed than other workers in their cost of

living allowances next month. He called it hutzpa to argue over Parents and local Arab officials Histadrut demands for 10% penare demanding funding for 500 more classrooms per year for the sion raises for wage earners of up to NIS 2,500 a month who have worked 30 years or longer, when senior level workers made more

than ten times as much and were getting raises. Peretz said that next week all workers "will all stand as one to protect the weaker ones."

The Histadrut battle committee was to decide at the start of next week whether to launch a general strike or impose sanctions such as blocking intersections or paralyzing airports.

of strengthening. His wisdom and personality will be sadly

missed by all of ns. Dr. Cnejtei Istvan, Ambassador Republic of Hungary in Israel.

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businesses here depend on tourism." One elderly Irish woman said: "We were told to visit the church and return to the buses immediatełу,

A French woman named Alexandra said she had been told the city was dangerous and prone to unrest. "But there are demonstrations in Europe all the time," she

said Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai lifted the closure suddenly on Wednesday after four days of unrest Merchants watched tour guides

usher tourists from their buses to the church and back.

"My restaurant cost me \$500,000 but not a tourist comes in to buy a bottle of water. They take them to Israeli souvenir shops to hit tourism in Bethlehem. It's economic warfare," said Farid Aziza, 55. But at hotels "Business is begin-

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that the larger closure of the West Bank and Gaza "in itself is a collective punishment against our peo-Hundreds of tourists poured into Bethlehem. On Manger Square

boys ran after busloads of tourists and pilgrims to fure them to nearby souvenir shops and cafes.

Israel imposed the closure on Bethlehem amid suspicions that Hamas masterminds of the July 30 suicide bombing in Mahane Yehuda were hiding in the town.

A Palestinian security official said two suspects had been arrested in connection with the bombing, but this was denied by another official who said Palestinian police arrested suspects in connection with a bomb factory discovered in Beit Sahur last month, but they had no links to the Jerusalem blast.

Paris: US too passive in Middle East

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine accused the US yesterday of being too passive in the Middle East and said Paris should take a more active role in reviving peace talks.

The United States cannot remain passive, as it bas in the past few months, because ... the peace process cannot live without encouragement from the United States and the Europeans and ootably, for historic reasons, from France, Vedrine told Europe 1 radio. Prench President Jacques Chirac suggested oo Wednesday that Paris

take a higher profile in the Middle East, but io coordination with Washington. Reuters

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# IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON Golan Druse convinced future is with Syria

Neither the arrest nor violent reaction to the arrest of Alham Naif Abu Salah, a Druse womeo from the Golan village of Majdal Shams, accused of "harming the security of the state," should cnme as much of a shock to anyooe in Israel.

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Ahu Salah who was taken into custody oo Tuesday is oot the first Golan Druse to be arrested for alleged anti-Israeli actions. The protests staged in Majdal Shams against her being held, are also anything hut rare.

"There are many precedeots," said Gabriel Ben-Dor, a Haifa University political science pro-fessor whn has studied Israel's Druse populatinn. The Golan Druse "are convinced that their future is with Syria," he said.

Ben-Dor added that Golan Druse espionage against Israel, or nveri pro-Syrian activity, was unheard of until 1978, when Israel and Egypt signed the Camp David accords.

"Up until then there was an affectinn for Israel," Ben-Dor said. But once the Golan Druse saw that Israel handed the Sinai to Egypt for a peace treaty, they hecame convioced that their futures would eventually be in Syrian, not Israeli, hands.

"They read the papers just like you do," Ben-Dor said. He noted a report in a Hehrew newspaper yesterday that the late prime minister Yitzhak Rahin told the Americans in 1994 he was willing to discuss a total Israeli withdrawal from the strategic heights.

"The Golan Druse have investmeots in Syria," Ben-Dor said. They have family io Syria, they believe that their future will be as part of Syria."

And if that is oot eooogh incentive to engage in anti-Israel activity, the Syrians have their own oot-so-geotle means of persuasion. Golan Druse students, some of whom study in universities in Damascus, come into contact with Syrian security personnel who put pressure on them to get involved in anti-Israel activities, Ben-Dor said.



Police take Alham Naif Abu Salah to Haifa District Court yesterday, where her remand was extended until Sunday. She is suspected of spying on Israel for Syria.

Abu Salah studied psychology at Damascus Uoiversity, and returned home a few mooths ago for summer vacation. In other cases, according to Beo-Dor, Syrian authorities extort relatives living in Syria to win over potential agents from the Israeli areo't Israeli citizens. side of the Golan.

Sometimes, he said, the anti-Israel activity is done against on the Golan, Ben-Dor said, meaning that they ontnumber the persoo's will, hot oot always. The Golan Druse have the Israelis there who total 14,000. The Druse are concentheir share of gripes with Israel. trated in five villages. Majdal including the feeling that they Shams is the largest. The others are not getting their fair share of are Masada, Bukata, Kala and resources, and their view of Ein Kiniych. Israel as an occupying power on Majdal Shams at the edge of

According to Ben-Dor, the the Syrian frontier, has always on Syrian Independence Day, Golan Druse community has beeo at the forefront of opposiclose family ties with the estition to Israeli rule on the Golan.

mated \$0,000 Druse who live in It was at the center of a six-Galilee and elsewhere in Israel, week general strike staged hy who serve in the IDF. The Golan the Druse in 1982, to hack their refusal to accept Israeli ideotity Druse do oot serve, since most cards following the passage of the Golan Law, which annexed There are some 17,000 Druse the heights in 1981. Ultimately they were forced to accept the ID cards, although the majority rejected Israeli citizeoship. They insisted on being classified on the documents as "Druse residents of the Golan."

Each year demoostrations. which ofteo turn violeot, are the Hermoo and quite close to held in Majdal Shams, usually

and on February 14, to com-memorate the 1982 strike.

# (Rom Shitzer, courtery of 'Ma'ariv')

yesterday. Jamil Abu Salah spoke outside the Haifa District Court building after Svria. the court rejected an appeal in either clease his sister or ease the conditions of her detention. The court upheld the Acre Magistrate's Court's decision that

Alham Naif Abu Salah, 30, of Majdal Shams, be remanded until Sunday. Judge Haim Pizam also niled in favor of a petition from journalists for permission to publish the accusations against Abu Salah, pro-viding there were no details that could have the security of the State.

By DAYID RUDGE

Abu Salah is suspected of spying and of having been in contact with a foreign agent. Her family has reject-ed the allegations, charging that her arrest was politically motivated.

Abu Salah herself was not present at the hearing. She remained in a separate room nearby because of an order preventing her from meeting with her lawyer, Nabih Khanjar. Khanjar said there was a great deal of disappointment the court's deci-

sion and that he would submit a petition to the Supreme Court to be allowed to meet with his client.

Her father was allowed into the court building and stood on a bench for over two hours waiting to catch a glimpse of his daughter, but she was not brought out of the room.

Salah appeal Abu Salah, a psychology studeni at Damascus University, was arrest-Israel has set the Golan alight and ed earlier this week at her home in anything can happen, even an intifathe Druse village in the Golan, da, a brother of the woman arrested where she had returned for the summer vacation. She was due to continthis week on suspicion of harming ue her studies after the break, along the security of the State, declared

**Court rejects** 

with several hundred other Golan Heights Druse who are studying in

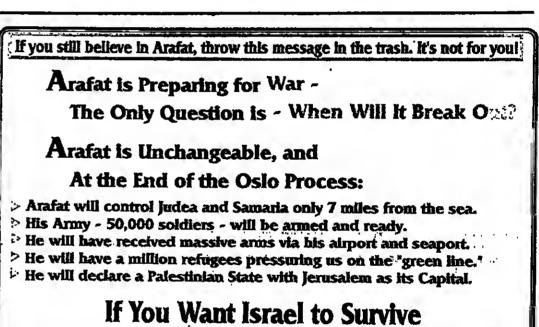
"I am part of the population on the Golan. Alham is my sister, but she is also the daughter of all the residents. All of them will decide what to do, not just me," said Jamil Abu Salah. "It will be stormy on the Golan and there could even be an intifada. We have been quiet, but when they hurt us, we have our methods to hit back."

Scores of Druse dignitaries from the Golan waited outside the court building with Abu Salah's relatives during the hearing.

"We have never expected anything good from the Israeli government. We came here convinced that Alham would be remanded," Jamil Abu Salah said after the hearing, "We came to show our support for Alham and so that all the government will know that we are Syrians and that even the arrest of Alham will not

change anything. "We have always been and will continue to be Syrians and the Golan is Syrian.

A large force of police was on duty around the court building yesterday, hut there were no disturbances. Police remained on standby in the Druse villages on the Golan in view of the heightened tension in the area.



# Let Us Act Together to STOP OSLO NOW!

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Israel's former ambassador to the US Prof. Itamar Rabinovich expressed concern yesterday over the deadlock in the peace talks between Israel and Syria.

By DAVID RUDGE

"I'm neither optimistic nor pessimistic, hut I am concerned about the trend of developments," said Rabinovich, who led Israel's delegatioo in negotiations with the Syrians under the former government.

"It may seem banal, but it is also self-evideot that if there is no political prospect the danger of war increases," Rahinovich said. He maintained that Syria still favored the peace option as the best means for attaining its goals. "I would say that the Syrians are warking on two tracks," Rabinovich said. "I think they prefer peace, but at the same time they are building their war-like option

Rabinovich maintained that Syrian President Hafez Assad had twice missed the opportunity to reach an agreement with Israel.

On both occasions the stumbling block was Assad's refusal to accept Israel's terms for peace, including full normalization, npca borders and security arrangements.

"Assad could not have made a deal on his terms, but he could have made a deal on terms that by all accounts would have been reasonable," Rabinovich said.

"The main problem was that Assad was not willing to give and 'take it, or leave it' proposition that he was willing to make peace, but only on his conditions.

"He insisted that the cost was fixed - a full withdrawal to the June 4, 1967, border. He made some movement over time on his terms, but certainly not enough to meet our terms.

"Had he wanted to make a deal on middle ground, on terms that would have been acceptable to Israel, he could have done so, but he didn't and therefore he missed out twice."

Rahioovich confirmed reports that former prime minister Yitzhak Rahin had "deposited" with then-US Secretary of State Warren Christopher a verbal agreement in principle to discuss Syria's demands for a withdrawal to the 1967 lines.

This deposit, however, was conditional on Syria's acceptance of Israel's peace package, includiog security arrangements and the type of peace Israel envisaged.

The Syrians have claimed for almost a year now that Israel under Palestinian issue," Barak said.

ing the monarchy."

that claim at the time and we deny it now," said Rabinovich. "There is one very powerful

argument to support our claim and that is the fact that no agreement was reached, even though the Svrians maintain that they had obtained what they wanted.

Rabin had committed itself to this

kind of withdrawal. We denied

the Golan.

Rabinovich

concerned over lack

of progress with Syria

"The point is that the issue [of possible withdrawal to the June 4, 1967, lines] was never discussed directly between Israel and Syria because it was linked to a whole package of Israel's terms which the Syrians oever accepted," Rahinovich added.

Michal Yudelman adds: Labor leader Ebud Barak said yesterday that Rabin did not agree to withdraw to the 1967 borders, hut tried to set the issues for negotiation over a peace agreement

### Commotion not motion, Rabinovich op-ed, Page 4

with the Syrians.

"I was sent hy Rahin to Washington fnr talks with the Syrian chief of staff a few months after the date mentioned in [an article in yesterday's] Ha'aretz, and received no briefing concerning such a stand [agreement to discuss withdrawal to the 1967 borders]," Barak said. "The Syrians were never given a statement in advance that we would withdraw take. He came basically with a to the lines of June 1967. Had such a statement been given, we would have been already in the midst of negotiations.

"At the most, Rabin gave the Americans a statement about what kind of things he would be willing to discuss if and when the Syrians enter into negotiations," Barak said

"Our position was that only after we see what the Syrians are willing to agree to concerning the Jordan's sources, terrorism, Lebanon, security arrangements, normalization, economic cooperation and other things, would we estimate how hig a concession we could make in the Golan." he noted.

Barak said the position Rabin took vis-a-vis the Syrians was a responsible move, but it was taken three-quarters of a year after Rabin knew there was no way to resume the talks with the Syrians.

"That's why he started the negotiations on the Oslo agreement, months before the date of his reported talks with Christopher, and transferred the weight to the

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# Herzl's unfinished dream

Theodor Herzl wrote in his diary about the need to do more than exist to survive. In The First Zionist Congress, which began 100 years ago today, "At Basel I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today I would be greeted by universal laughter. In five years perbaps, and certainly in fifty years, everyone will perceive it." The Congress was the first attempt at a formal gathering of the Jewish people since their dispersion by the Roman empire. Fifty-one years later, the State of Israel was declared.

When in 1896 Herzl wrote his seminal pamphlet, The Jewish State, he bad almost no knowledge of a number of writers who had penned the same idea.

Herzl did not invent Zionism; he galvanized at the right moment a dream that had been in Jewish hearts for two thousand years and, in just eight feverish years of activity, propelled it towards reality.

The crack-up of colonialism is replete with heady stories of liberation and nation-building, but never before has an ancient state been resurrected by the same indestructible people. Perhaps even more remarkably, Israel was born of a people separated by dozens of languages and cultures, whose only common bond was the idea of Jewish peoplehood.

The primary measure of what was launched in top bats and tails in the beat of August 1897, is the fact that Israel is not just a dream, but reality. Millions of Jews who survived the borrors of the Holocaust and escaped from persecution in

the former Soviet Union, the Arab world, and elsewhere have come together to build a thriving modern nation. In the context of the almost miraculous fact of Israel's existence, it might seem like quibbling to try and match reality against the more abstract aspects of Herzl's vision. Modern

Israel, in fact, seems uncomfortable with the idea of vision in general, and with with Herzl's fervent patriotism in particular. As we mark the centenary of Zionism, "post-Zionism" has perhaps become Israel's more

prominent ideology. Though it is not clear what post-Zionism is - beyond a desire for Israel to be a "normal" country - it has resulted in a decided indifference to the movement Herzl created and the ideas that inspired it.

The 100th anniversary of the publication of The Jewish Store, for example

Jewish State, Herzl described a country that would not only be a haven from antisemitism, but must become a world class religious, correpreneurial, and cultural center to retain the imagination of the Jewish people.

Though some modern bistorians choose to focus on Herzl's personal secularism and his assimilationist past as evidence that he saw no role for religion in Israel, this is a distortion. In Herzl's view, "we recognize our historic identity only by the faith of our fathers." He saw the role of religious leaders as central to leading the ingathering of an exiled people, and of national holy places that would bond the people to their past and common destiny.

Economically, he saw Israel as an outlet for the "Jewish spirit of enterprise" - a "land of experiment and a model country" that would truly be a "Promised Land." Lastly, he saw a country that would be a cultural match for the European milieu he admired, boasting to one skeptic that "We will bave a university and an opera, and you will attend the opera in your swallow-tailed coat with a white gardenia in your button hole." Israel is perhaps better off without some of the trappings of Herzl's vision, but may bave gone a bit too far in the other direction.

The spirit of Israel today still reflects that of Herzl's successors who founded the state, mainly the pioneering but materialistic spirit of Ben-Gurion's Labor Zionism. The coarse, pragmatic, and anti-intellectual "sabra" mentality may have been necessary to establish the state, and is still reflected in a refreshing refusal to stand on ceremony, but it bas still not evolved into an authentic, creative culture of its own.

Economically. Israel has only begun to shake the socialist legacy of its founders, which left an economy dominated by the government and by large, tightly enmeshed oligopolies. Though the success of a small entreprenuerial class is encouraging, they are the exception that shows where the economy could be, not where it is today.

Religiously, an Orthodox minority and secular majority are, like drifting continents, moving slowly but inexorably apart. Unless that trend is reversed, or some indigenous Israeli religiosity evolves. Herzl's vision of Israel as a religious center will also be largely unrealized.

Herzl, obviously, was not omniscient unnoticed. There has been no visible revival of hats never quite made it to Israel, while the interest in Herzl and the origins of Zionism. prospect of reviving the Hebrew language, which Herzl dismissed, has become reality. He did not foresee the rise of Palestinian nationalism in parallel with Zionism. The core of Though Herzl was intensely focused on the Herzl's vision, bowever, remains as valid today as it was a hundred years ago, and is far from having reached its full potential.

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CRITICAL MINUTES

Sir, - I worked in Rambam

Hospital in the 1980s as a clinical

chemist in development and

research and later on for some

companies connected to research

and investigations in clinical labo-

Then the ambulances for our

emergency department bad to drive through Haifa port to avoid

to pass the railway. Now there is a

hospital building or some other

carried to the emergency room.

# **Commotion without motion**

### The Israeli-Syrian negotiat-ing track has been idle for a

year and a half now. Several attempts to devise a formula for renewing the negotiations failed to bridge the gap between the positioos of Assad's regime and Netanyabu's government. But failure to negotiate has not meant ап lack of engagement. By giving Hizbullah the green light in Lebanon and by exercising diplomatic pressure in the regional and diplomatic arenas. Syria has been telling Israel that it will not comply with a permanent stalemate.

The past two weeks have seen a particularly intense spate of Syrian activity: A delegation of Israeli Arab politicians and public figures was invited to Damascus; a significant address by President Hafez Assad to that group; an interesting interview by Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Talas; and an unusual commentary on Radio Damascus earlier this week. (The publication in Israel of transcripts of the late prime minisler Yitzhak Rabin's discussions of the withdrawal issue in 1994 has fanned discussion and debate in Israel but is unrelated to the spate of Syrian activities.)

Damascus is clearly confounded by the statements and activities of Netanyahu's government with regard to Syria. When Assad spoke to the visiting delegation of Israeli Arabs, he told its members that "Netanyahu has thus for made strange statements. He proposed exchanging peace for peace and later he proposed exchanging peace for security. Afterward he announced that he is for UN resolutions 242 and 338 according to his own interpretation of them."

The Syrian president was referring to the messages that several

Some of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's interlocutors walked away with a clear in a disputed area. impressioo that Netanyahu is determined at some point to seek accommodation August 14, Netanyahu contested with Damascus with full realization of the value of "normalization" in the comext of Israeli-Syrian peace

what it would take. At least one of the messages sounded quile far-reaching. According to an Israeli press report, only faintly denied by the

### So far, the familiar paradigms of the israell-Syrian relationship are still in place

**ITAMAR RABINOVICH** 

government, one of Netanyahu's messages to Assad did tie the depth of withdrawal (or Israel's concessions) to the depth of the security arrangements. This formula is not all that different from the original formula coined by Rabin in 1993.

BUT SOME of the Israeli government's recent actions and statements have sent an entirely different message. Three of them have been particularly significant:

When the Golan (1) Entrenchment Law was submined to the Knesset (requiring a special majority for repealing the 1981 extension of Israeli law to the Golan) the cabinet and the prime minister, after initial opposition, ended up voting for it.

(2) It has been revealed that the government has apparendy decided to build a dam (agreed upon with Jordan) in the area of al-Hamma in the southern foothills of the Golan Heights. Syria claims that this area is part of the Golan

engage in public diplomacy had met with limited success. Assad regarded tsrael's public opinion Washington view this action as an and political system as a "blank attempt to create a fait accompli check." He and the prime numster (3) In a speech he delivered tu should come to an agreement and it should be up to each of them "to the National Defense College on

deliver" his country. It was only recently that the complexity of Israeli politics and the need to deal with it have been fully grasped by Assad and his men. They began by addressing Israel's Arab minority. Unlike a previous occasion in 1994, it was Damascus that initiated this visit of the Israeli Arab delegation, and it was Damascus that determined that mentbers of "Zionist" parties be included. This was all done ning.

suade our Syriau interlocutors to

Then came Radio Damascus commentary referring to the debate in Israel concerning a unilateral withdrawal from South Lebanon. It is not Syria that prevents Netanyahu from pulling the IDF out of south Lebanon, Syria has said several times that it will "welcome an inuncdiate Israeli withdrawal," said the commentator. This is an interesting formulation that represents a novel Syrian approach to Israel's public opinion and its impact.

This is all very interesting and indicative of potential developments in the luture. But in the meantime we must not read too much into it. Change in Assad's Syria is a slow, gradual process and so far, the familiar paradigms of the Israeli-Syrian relationship are still in place.

The writer is the Ettinger Professor of Contemporary

regimes, we will have to pursue a policy that will preserve our ability to deter and will not give up strategic assets that are vital for our security. I believe that these principles can guide us also in obtaining a peace settlement with Svria..

making, and spoke quite openly

about the need to hold on to vital

territory: "As long as our area is

characterized by non-democratic

Assad's discomfort is exacerbated by the change in US policy. Under the second Clinton administration, in Madelaine Albright's State Department and in the new circumstances obtaining in the peace process, Damascus has lost its centrality. The accent of US policy is salvaging the Israeli-Palestinian track and not on resuscitating the negotiations with Syria. In the face of these developments, Syria has adopted a twotrack policy. One is to prepare for

war and to talk of war. Assad's trip to Teheran, the defense minister's statement and the chief of staff's recent intplied threat to resort to military action have all

been made in this vein. The other is a decision Heights and its territory, while address the Israeli political sysquite clumsily, but it certainly represented a change and a begin-

Most regrettably, there has been little interest to Herzl's vision for the state, which went far beyond the actual struggle for its creation.

diplomatic and political tactics of establishing a state, be thought even then that Israel would

Sir, - This week's articles about

the Yemenite mother and child

reunited after 49 years were polit-

ically correct, "feel good" kind of stories which omitted the most

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systematic kidnapping are cor-

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Yemenite children's graves dis-

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covered last week.

crucial and important elements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**MEDIA FAILURE** 

kidnappiogs is glaring.

It's just as unfortunate that Uzi

Meshulam has to be the trailblazer

that raises public awareness, and

not the Israeli media - The Jerusalem Post included. The

media can run after haredi fraud.

Arutz-7, and Bibigate, but bas

failed to raise serious questions

about those guilty of Yemenite

child abductions, and the actions

of those enlightened judges who

approved the "adoptions."

intermediaries - American and European diplomats, as well as private emissaries - have carried from Jerusalem to Damascus.

Israel argues that it was part of tem. In past years, all efforts by Mandatory Palestine and belongs the Clinton administration and by to Israel. Both Damascus and us, the Israeli negotiators, to per-

Middle Eastern History at Tel Aviv University. He was Israel's ambassador to Washington and chief negotiator with Syria.

the contrary: We must carry on

the dialogue with all the coun-

# The missile crisis that never was

MOSHE ZAK

Israel must enlist world opinion

to dry up Iranian resources

and not create tension with Russia

Russian Ambassador Michael Bogdanov was stunned. Ambassador

Last Thursday be bad been invited to the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to receive a letter of thanks from Israel to Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Prymakov. In the letter, Israel expressed thanks for the messages of consolation after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, but also thanked the Russian government for not voting for the UN assembly resolution threateniog economic sanctions against Israel because of the construction at Har Homa

tunnel but the helicopters which bring patieots still have to land oo Less than 72 hours later be was the shore instead of directly on the alerted by Moscow of widespread rumors that Israel was about to place where the patients could be break off diplomatic ties with Russia because of the aid that Russia is granting Iran in building FOR A long time, Israel has been trying to alert various countries long-range missules.

Two days earlier, in a conversadon with the Russian prime minister, Internal Secority Minister Avigdor Kahalani had raised the question of the Iranian missiles, and he had been told that the Russian government is oot involved in the deals. Kahalani also put on a show of driving a T-80 tank, the model that he was asking Russia not to supply to

Bogdanov also knew that when Prime Minister Netanyahu and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon had visited Moscow, they raised the question of the missile technology that Russia is supply-

POSTSCRIPT

ing to Iran, and were told that the Russian government has nothing to do with it. While it is true that many Russian scientists are employed in supplying information on missile construction to Iran, they are doing so privately and not on behalf of the Russian

government. So why did Moscow have to alarm

and ask Bogdanov to check the

media rumors of a crisis in relations?

with technological knowledge to

the danger of supplying nuclear

reactors or long-range missiles to Iran. Russia is not the only one.

build reactors and missiles.

Peres and now Netanyahu - has been grateful to receive an undertaking from China not to supply sophisticated weaponry to Iran. As Mark Twain said, "Giving up smoking is very easy: I've done it 30 times myself."

Israel has no choice but to simply accept the repeated promises of these powers not to aid Iran

tries supplying Iran with sophislicated weaponry or the knowhow to construct it. But this dialogue must not be conducted in public. Public statements regarding the danger Iranian missiles pose to Israel's existence only increase the bargaining strength of Hizbullah, Iran's ally in Lebanon; raise the status of the extremist Islamic organizations; and reduce Israel's deterrent capabilities. A crisis or pseudocrisis with Russia over missiles for Iran does not strengthen Israel; it only encourages the Iranians.

The only way to block the increase of the Iranian threat against Israel is to focus on Iran. not on those assisting it. Iran spends vast sums from its oil profits to buy sophisticated arms. It uses its oit income not to increase the living standard of its citizens, but to buy weapons.

If its incume were reduced, it would not be able to fund these purchases. The thousands of Russian scienusis now employed in the Iranian arms race are not working for the Islamic revolution; they are. working for money. Economic pressure must be applied not to the" suppliers, but to their customer. The ... time has come to enlist world public opinion against Iran, instead of gening mixed up in a fictional crisis with Russia.

have to rely only oo the US. On conuncuts on current affairs,

investigatory questions concem-YOSSI KLAVAN ing responsibility for the Yemenite Ginot Shomron. BAD JOKE Sir, - The proposal by the Hamas or their terrorism when speaking in Arabic to Palestinians Arafat and the PA don't need

European Union to send a counterterrorism expert to advise the Palestinian Authority on ways to prevent terrorism by Islamic extremists sounds like a bad joke. The PLO is still listed as a terrorist organization by the US State Department, and Yasser Arafat, its chairman, does not condemn

Sir, - A front-page article "Israeli life expectancy among world's highest" (August 7), based on Israel's Central Bureau of Staustics declared that life expectancy in tsrael is among the world's highest.

This does not reflect fact but

STATISTICAL ARTIFACT rather a statistical artifact arising from a large influx of immigrants. A thirty-year-old immigrant, for example, could not have died at an ving etiquette etc, we are somehow earlier age and therefore skews the assured of longevity. overall life expectancy, upward. Israel is probably unique in the number of arriving immigrants as a

to 29 during the last 10 months.

DR. SAMUEL DERSHOWITZ Jerusalem.

### FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 29, 1937, The Palestine Post reported from London the death of Lord Lionel Walter Rothschild, the second baron of that name to whom Lord Balfour addressed the famous declaration of the British Government promising world Jewry a National Home in Palestine.

camp in Eritrea, were reported to have been recaptured and were expected to be moved to the 50 years ago: On August 29, 1947. The Pulestine Post reported Gilgil detention camp in Kenya. that three more new Jewish senle-Three of the escapces were cap-

tured in Addis Ababa. ments had been established on

Jewish National Fund land, one in the Negev, near Dorot, Ha'ogen 25 years ago: On August 29, near Kfar Monash and one at Tirch, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reportneur Kfar Tabor, bringing the total ed that Israel raised the issue of the Soviet demand to tax Jewish Five lews who escaped from professionals wishing to leave the the Sembel, the British detention country at the UN.

US. President Nixon declared that a peaceful settlement of Israeli-Egyptian conflict was still possible.

the total near \$300.

Alexander Zvielli

BY NOW, almost everybody has the story goes. When the woman heard the one about the woman and her daughter lunching at the Neiman Marcus Cafe in Dallas, who eojoyed the chocolate chip cookies so much that they asked for the recipe. For only two-fifty, the waitress said, it was theirs.

But when the charge-card bill arrived, the amazed woman found Hard to understand, since she

had bought a \$20 scarf. two 59.95 salads and a cookie recipe. Turns out the recipe cost \$250.

couldn't get her money back, she took revenge, sending the recipe by e-mail to all her friends and asking them to pass it on. The recipe for what was dubbed the Justice Cookie and the Ultimate Revenge Cookie has been around the world and back.

The truth is, it's an urban legend: it never happened.

Cafe, good luck finding a \$20 scarf at that exclusive department. store, and its restaurants bave

never sold chocolate chip cookies. At least, not until recently.

(www.neimanmarcus.cum). "We would never, ever charge for a recipe," said Kellie Patrick. the media relations manager for

our recipes away for the asking." On the store's Web page, Neiman Marcus traces the tale similar story circulated about the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. That recipe was for Red Velvet Cake, and the reported charge was \$100.

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Jan Harold Brunvand, a folklorist who has written books on urban myths, noted that the cookie story has also been told about Mrs. Fields Original Cookies and the Marshall Field department store,

"I think one thing that makes people believe the myth is that the back to at least the 1930s, when a recipe is perfectly good," he said.

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Netanyahu received another such assurance this week from the Chinese deputy prime minister, and the Russian Foreign Mioistry issued yet another statement to that effect on Tuesday. Israel must constantly monitor that these promises are being kept, but it must act cautiously so as not to turn the monitoring into a public

with weapons of mass destruction.

dispute with these countries. In the final analysis, we have an influendal partner in the struggle against the nuclear armament of Iran and its purchases of longrange missiles: the US. Its powers of persuasion against Russia and

Western companies have also been suspected of belping Iran

The US has made many attempts to block the smuggling of parts for these destructive weapons. It has also pressured China and Russia to stop supply-China are certainly stronger than

ing missiles and reactors to Iran. Israel's requests to China and Russia have always had the backours. ing of American pressure.

THIS DOES not mean that we The writer, a veteran journalist. Nonetheless, every Israeli prime minister - Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon

After years of enduring the myth,

Neiman Marcus has come up with a chocolate chip cookie recipe of its own and posted it on its Web site

Neiman Marcus. "We gladly give

There is no Neiman Marcus

# Binyamin

### Israel's enemies. percentage of its population. We should therefore not conclude that in spite of wars, terrorism, dri-

possibly dangerous moving of a critically wounded person? It should not be technically impossi-LEO JAARO

When will this practice be changed to avoid wasting sometimes very critical minutes and the advice. Instead, they need to

decide to oppose the Islamic terrorists and then implement that decision effectively and publicly. ble.

ratories.

ROBERT KIRK Kfar Hassidim. Upper Nazareth.

### Friday, August 29, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

### **OPINION**

### MARK A. HELLER

Foreign benefits

Dalestinian Police Chief Ghazi Jabali continues to make news.

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Several weeks ago, he was accused of inciting against Israel and sending policemen under his command to attack Jewish settlements, and Israel publicly demanded that he be fired and extradited for trial. This week, it was reported that Jabali was suspected by the Palestinian Preventive Security Service of extortion, but rather than being charged, he is being considered for a diplomatic posting in Russia or Romania.

Such stories need to be taken with a large grain of sair. The media may be incorrectly reporting what they have learned, or they may be accurately reporting disinformation fed to them by interested sources. If so, it would not be the first time that a newspaper got things wrong.

But if there is any truth to this week's report, it means two things. The first is that Jabali is being kicked upstairs so that

Arafat might send Ghazi Jaball to Moscow. Some Israeli officials might also benefit from some mid-career training abroad.

Palestinian Anthority Chairman Yasser Arafat can partly respond to Israeli demands without seeming to do so. The second is that after running a peony-ante protection racket for the last few years in the West Bank and Gaza, Jabali may spend the next few years in Moscow, where he can learn to do

things on a much higger scale. This raises some interesting possibilities. If Jabali does establish some kind of precedent, then other Palestinian officials can follow in his footsteps and take advantage of a diplomatic sojourn abroad in order to learn how to improve their performance. The press censors, for example, could go to Damascus to learn how to do their job properly. Arafat's image adviser could usefully spend some time in Pyongyang taking an advanced how-to course on "cult of the personality." And even Arafat himself could use an extended stay in Albania or Sierra Leone to hone his skills in governance.

OF COURSE, the idea of using

drawing on Palestinian example. Imagine, for instance, the result if the vehicle license examiners could study business ethics during an assignment in Indonesia or if the engineers who built the little bridge for the Maccahiah games used a posting in Chernobyl to learn how in build hig structures. And what about the medical staff at Haifa's Rambam Hospital who earlier this month didn't bother sending an ambulance to meet the helicopter bringing wounded soldiers from Lebanon? Surely they could take advantage of a posting in Cairo to get advanced training from the Egyptian nurse who was indicted last week for killing patients so that they wouldn't bother her during the night. But all this is small potatoes

compared to the potential learning experience of a foreign post-: ing for high-ranking government officials. Environmental planners could clearly absorb much from a year or two in Beijing, central bank governors could achieve even better results after a stint in Bangkok or Mexico City, privatization managers could do even better after an assignment in Havana, and traffic planners could benefit from a posting in Rome or Paris.

But the greatest effect of all would be achieved at the very top level. Compare his modest accomplishments thus far with what could be expected if the education minister were inspired by a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Or if the justice minister could have done graduate studies in law at the University of Kigali while moonlighting as ambassador to Rwanda. Or if the chief rabbis and leaders of Shas could man an embassy and some consulates in Iran. Or if all the MKs were sent to Taiwan, where they could get a proper education in parliamentary decorum.

On the eve of its 50th anniversary, it is time for Israel to stop thinking small and start appreciating the benefits of scale that could be achieved if diplomatic assignments were used for mid-career training of the people who determine how the country functions. Of course, the mere consideration of this idea would inevitably produce a flood of petty complaints by the Foreign Ministry workers' committee. But even they could at least be consoled by the knowledge that if big-time public figures took all the plum postings overseas, there would be nothing left for small-time party hacks. And besides, with so many people sent abroad, a lot of really interesting jobs would open up at

home.

The universe is expanding. Trust me, know, O

# The will to disbelieve

ichael Drosnin's The Bible Code is the international publishing sensation of the year. According to Drosnin, there is imbedded in the Bible a secret code that allows us to predict future events. His most dramatic claim on this score is that be used the code to predict the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and attempted to warn him.

To shore up his credibility, Drosnin is careful to insist that he remains a confirmed atheist Lest anyone associate him with those wackos who believe that the Torah is the word of God, he is quick to assure us that he has another explanation for the existence of the codes: Snper-intelligent beings from outer space encoded their messages in the Hebrew Bible (which they presumably wrote, as well).

In Drosnin's view, it is just a coincidence' that these space beings chose to place their messages in the text that introduced monotheism to the world and which revolves around the special relationship between the diety and

the Jewish people. Ou its face, of course, Drosnin's

makes clear that future predictions are inherently impossible. Only a Being with control over nature could foretell natural events, and only one above time could know in advance how human beings will exercise their free will. Sounds a lot like God.

DROSNIN'S EXPLANATION of the codes is just one example of a recurrent phenomenon: Intelligent people clutching at absurdities in order to deny God's existence. As a child, I read a breathless account in Time magazine of the "discovery," by a Near Middle Eastern scholar of naturalistic explanations for each of the ten plagues recorded in Exodus and independently confirmed by contemporary Egyptian papyrus scrolls. For his grand finale, he claimed that the splitting of the sea was the result of a massive tidal wave of the coast of Madagascar, or some such place.

It seems to have escaped the learned professor that the occurrence of an unprecedented and never-repeated event, at precisely the moment the Children of Israel arrived at the Reed Sea, with the Egyptians in hot pursuit, was a miryet fallen into the hands of the priests," and he professed to be acle of consanguinity whatever natirritated by the idea of an expandural phenomenon were involved. ing universe, i.e., one that began (Not that one shred of proof for any with a single point. Only when such tidal wave was adduced.)

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

Such grasping at straws is by no means limited to humbugs and pedants. The greatest mind of our century was led into elementary mathematical errors in order to denv God.

When Albert Einstein first proposed his General Theory of Relativity in 1916, two mathematicians, Willem de Sitter and Alexander Friedmann, working

### Even great minds deny God, because to acknowledge Him would obligate them

iodependently, pointed out that the theory could only be correct if the universe was not static, but rather expanding at a rapid rate. Einstein, however, strongly resisted the Big Bang theory, and labelled it, in a published letter, "suspicious." He made clear what aroused his suspicions. To one colleague, he wrote, "I have not

Friedmann pointed out that Einstein's published response to him contained fundamental mathematical errors was Einstein forced to concede.

Even then, he remained highly resistant to the Big Bang theory and refused to acknowledge for a full five years the finding of American astronomer Edwin Hubble that every galaxy within 100 million light years is speeding outward.

THAT RESISTANCE was occasioned by the scientific equivaof a nightmare. lent Astrophysicists, concludes Robert Jastrow, former director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Center for Space Studies, were forced to recognize the Big Bang theory as confirmation of a created universe with a definite beginning.

"For the scientist who has lived Iliad hy his faith in the power of reason," he writes, " the story ends like a had dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of judged. That was an idea too dar theologians who have been sitting gerous for Yale. there for centuries." Nor is it difficult to locate modern The writer is o Jerusolem Post man's resistance to God. As columnist.

Dostoyevsky's Ivan lamented, "If God does not exist, everything is permitted." For the modern temperament the freedom from restraint s positive, not a cause for lament.

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Many who are content to while away their time watching Boywatch and the like would be distinctly uncomfortable with the thought that God is in the room watching over their shoulder, and quick to concede that if God created man, He probably had other pursuits in mind for him. Solution: Deny God.

When my younger brother was a freshman at Yale, he took a special seminar in the classics of Western literature. Virtually the entire section on the Bible focused on theories of multiple authorship (Drosnin's Martian band?). My brother challenged the professor to explain why he had not dwelt in a similar fashion on theories of multiple Homers when reading the

The answer was simple. Homer is not prescriptive; he makes no concrete demands on the modern reader. The Bible, by contrast, insists that there is a divine standard by which we will all be

diplomatic assignments for professional development should not remain a Palestinian monopoly. Indeed, this is one area where Israel could profit greatly by

L popular appeal denied the political pro, but there are disadvantages. Shimon Peres would never have abruptly dismissed dozens of Labor Party workers. But even if he had, posters would not have appeared at party headquarters declaring "Peres Will Divide Jerusalem." That is the approximate equiva-lent of what happened to Ehud Barak last weekend. Who could ever imagine that the "Barak ran away" libel, popularized by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi m one of the most disgraceful episodes of demagoguery in the history of the Knesset, would be exploited by Labor Party person-nel? It will take a lot more than hugs and kisses to erase the graffiti from the hearts - if not the walls - at 100 Hayarkon Street.

Tackling Labor's financial problems head on was hardly running away. But Barak's drastic payroll

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cut nowever necessary, belongs in the category of military operations that, while brilliantly conceived, result in unanticipated negative consequences. There was little glory in Barak's hasty retreat.

Barak is a tinkerer. In his youth, he enjoyed taking clocks apart to see how they worked and taught himself to pick locks. Amy Wilentz, in a New Yorker letter from Israel (May 20, 1996), reports the claim of Barak's critics that "his passion for baroque strategizing has been better suited to dealing with clocks and locks than with human matters." Certainly a mass firing without prior warning or consultation was poor labor relations, not to mention its effect on relations within Labor.

BARAK HAS admitted that he erred. His first major organiza-tional step as Labor Party chairman was a major setback. So was Yitzhak Rabin's. Like

Barak, Rabin remained, until the

ing the monarchy."

explanation is patently ridiculous. No being, regardless of how intelligent, could predict the future one day in advance, much less thousands of years. Chaos theory

# Where is Barak heading?

doomed from the outset.

an excellent choice. Shimshoni

served, with the rank of brigadier-

general, as deputy to Maj.-Gen.

Amnon Mitzna, then OC head of

the general staff Planning Branch,

very end, very much the outsider in politics. Despite Rabin's victory in the party primaries and in the 1992 Knesset elections, his candidate for the post of party secretary was defeated by Nissim Zvilli, a Peres supporter. Now, a committee headed hy

former MK Gedalya Gal has found Labor in dire financial straits, and has recommended the appointment of a competent administrator, rather than a political general-secretary.

Gal has already proven he has more civic courage than political acumen. As chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, in the period before last year's Labor Party primaries, Gal had the temerity to defy the workers' com-

ty for planning and hudgeting for the shape of the IDF for the sub-ALLAN E. SHAPIRO sequent decade. and to support shortening the term of that company's monopoly.

BEYOND THE party's organiza-tional problems, where is Labor The result was that any hope of reclection in the primaries was headed under Barak's leadership? To the development town of Virtue and wisdom, however, go Netivot for its next part conclave, together in the proposal to appoint if Barak has his way. For Barak, a party administrative head. It is his major task as party leader is to clear that Barak has the outsider's reduce the Likud's electoralneed for his own man at the top. advantage among traditional, pri-Yonatan Shimshoni, a member marily Sephardic voters. of the Gai committee, would make

Barak spoke of this aim in a rambling discourse at the recent induction of kibbutz youngsters into formal membership in a veteran northern kibbutz.

Speaking off-the-cuff, Barak threw out the rather startling sug-

find the way in apologize to those sectors of society whn feel, however unjustly, that they were injured, even victimized, hy Labor during its era of political domination. But would an apology, however

siocerc, not carry with it an implicit attitude of condescension?

Implicit also is the assumption that here will not be any very radical reshuffling of the political deck. The practical objective that Barak seems to have in mind is to simply make enough of a dent in the Likud's electoral strongholds to win for Labor the few percentage points needed for an election victory.

This is a far cry from Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami's strategy of creating an institutional infrastructure in the urban neighborhoods and development towns, which would do for Labor what the El Hama'ayan network of educational and social service organizations has done for Shas.

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Barak places great emphasis on strength of character. In the kibbutz discourse, he opined that his frankness in telling a mass audience of Golan settlers that major concessions were necessary to achieve peace with Syria would achieve a long-term positive reaction.

He was frank about another subject - Binyamin Netanyahu. He doesn't trust him. He voiced apprehension that Netanyahu, under pressure, might make excessive concessions in negotia-tions with the Palestinians, Perhaps Barak permitted himself to be carried away. However, the comment seemed to confirm that his basic criticism of the present prime minister is lack of the prized virtue of strength of character. It also implied a reassertion of Barak's far-from-dovish positions with regard to a final settlement.

The writer is o legal and political commeniotor.

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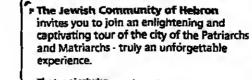
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### INTERNATIONAL

# NATO troops retreat before stone-throwing Serbian crowd

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BRCKO, (Rcuters) - Hundreds of Bosnian Serb townspeople roused from their sleep by air raid sirens pelted US peacekeeping troops with rocks yesterday, forcing them to retreat from positions around a police station.

The angry crowd, including clderly women and men, menaced the troops with pieces of wood and metal bars and threw rocks at armoured vehicles, but there were no immediate reports of injuries. A spokesman for the NATO-led Stabilization Force (SFOR) headquarters in Sarajevo said he had no information about the incident, which represented one of the most severe challenges to SFOR troops since they took over peacekeeping in Bosnia in December of last year under terms of the Dayton peace accord.

"We don't have anything to say for the next hour," Major Chris Riley told Reuters.

Officials of the International Police Task Force (IPTF) in Brcko said they had heard some shooting but did not know if there were any injuries. Elements of the crowd, including a man recognised as a Bosnian Serb policeman, smashed office and car windows of the IPTF force, the officials said.

The American troops, assigned to SFOR, arrived io this town loyal to hardline Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic at 3.15 a.m. (0115 GMT), apparently to force the hardliners out of the main police statioo, witnesses said.

The soldiers refused to talk to a reporter, but the operation was similar to one more than a week ago when 350 British and Czecb troops helped loyalists of Westernbacked Bosnian Serb President



A bus carrying Bosnian Serb supporters of Radovan Karadzic, decorated with his poster, heads toward Sokolac from Pale yesterday to hold demonstrations against NATO-led peacekeeping forces.

Biljana Playsic take control of police stations in her northwest stronghold of Banja Luka. On that occasion the hardline police commanders laid down their weapons after a short standoff.

All went smoothly for the US troops, who arrived in half a dozeo armoured personnel carricrs, until an hour later when an air raid siren began sounding and hundreds of people, cursing and

shouting "get ont of here" and "leave", poured into the streets. Elderly women at the front of

the crowd battered the gun turrets of the armoured vehicles while other people threw stones, forcing the troops to retreat from positions in front of the police station and drive back across a bridge. A Humvee jeep vehicle parked

in front of the police station refused to start and an angry

crowd gathered around it, menacing US soldiers standing beside it. When the vehicle finally started, some of the women in the

crowd started shoving the soldiers. Young men at a vantage point above a bridge which leads out of the town pelted the US vehicles with stones as they slowed down

to drive across. The incident seemed to be part of a growiog and possibly organ-

ised resistance among Karadzic supporters to efforts by Plavsic and the Western community to bolster her streogth in Bosnian Serb territory.

Oo Wednesday, Karadzic loyalists forcibly took back control of a television transmitter at Duga Njiva which had been seized carlier in the day by Playsic backers.

# Aussie parliament OKs summit on ending UK ties

### By TERRY FRIEL

CANBERRA (Reuters) -Australia's republican movement received a boost yesterday when parliament approved a national summit on whether to end two cenarries of formal ties with Britain.

Prime Minister John Howard, an avowed monarchist, told parliament that the summit will be held by mid-1998 and Australians would elect half the 152 delegates before the end

there could be a national vote by the turn of the century on whether to ditch Britain's Queen Elizabeth as head of state and cut the remaining constitutional ties to Australia's forsort," Kerry Jones, leader of mer colonial master.

The breakthrough means that

The decision is nevertheless a victory for Howard, who insisted on holding the summit on his terms or not at all. He will be among 76 govenument-nominated delegates who also will include opposition and

"Finally, the phoney war has on a compulsory national vote for ended and we really will, in the delegates. Australia, have a chance to test in senator reversed their earlier opposithe polls what we believe to be dying support for a republic of any

saying cancelling the summit would set back the republican cause. Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy, told reporters, "If the legislation didn't get Any speedy move to a republic had appeared doomed by a stalethrough today, the issue of the republic was dead," explained mate over how voters would choose the delegates for a national summit, Greens senator Bob Brown. This is until two key members of the upper our only chance during the period of house, the Senate, backed down. office of the conservatives ... to not Howard had threatened to cancel only progress the republic but to the constitutional convention if the take it out of the hands of the politi-Labor opposition and a collection of cians and put it into the hands of the minor parties and independents used people," their numbers in the Senate to insist Republican Movement head Bar-Ilan University mourns the untimely loss of a great man and a dear friend AHARON MEIR 5" Former Chairman of the University's Global Board of Trustees We extend deepest condolences to the family May we be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem World ORT Union mourns the passing of Justice Dr. MOSHE ETZIONI Vice President of World ORT Union and Chairman of its Judiciary Committee President of the World ORT Union, Honorary Officers, Members of the Central Board and the Director General and Staff of the World ORT Union. 1 THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Malcolm Tumbull said he hoped the Senate back-down would pave the But an independent and a Greens way for a national vote on becoming

a republic by the num of the century. "I think there is an overwhelming tion and backed the government's plan for a voluntary postal ballot, sentiment among Australians in

favor of this change," hc said. Opinion polls show republican sentiment firming again after dip-ping following the Liberal-National coalition's landslide 1996 victory that oused the strongly republican Labor government of Paul Keating. Although Australia is independent, its constitution was passed as an act of the British parliament and its formal head of state is the ruliog British monarch, not an Australian Yamani's son calls for change in Saudi

Arabia

LONDON (AP) - A prominent Saudi businessman has written a

book calling for the kingdom to

take steps toward democracy,

according to a published report. The book, To be a Saudi," was written by Hani Ahmed Zaki

Yamani, son of former oil minister

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani. It

will be published in November in London, according to The

The Sunday newspaper said

The next step would be to have

Yamani proposed a change in the

Shoura, a 90-member consultative

the members of the Shoura elected

directly by the population, enabling

them to truly represent the feelings

of the majority in an advisory role

and in an independent non-partisan

manner," The Observer quoted the

book as saying. Sheikh Yamani now heads the

Center for Global Energy Studies

in London. His 36-year-old son is a

book also criticizes his country for

spending \$2 billion a year to hire drivers, mainly foreigners, to

chauffeur women who are banned

"How long are we going to allow such waste in our lives," The

Observer quoted the book as say. "When will we start showing the

trust that our mothers, wives, sis-

ters and daughters justly deserve? How many more billions of US

dollars will it take before we wake

up as a society and start behaving

as the confident Moslems we

The Observer said Yamani's

graduate of Oxford.

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body appointed by the king.

Observer.



Netson Mandela stepped onto South Africa's center stage with a fanfare that cchoed round the world, This week, bis former partner in peace slipped quietly out a side exit of his once mighty National Party.

The world once paused to analyze every word uttered by F.W. de Klerk. Would he or wouldn't he? (Survive, end apariheid, free Nelson Mandela'!) He did all of them, but this week his political survival option finally expired. His departure answers the last will he?" question. He won't be the one to change the National Party completely from the champion of apartheid to the champion of the loyal opposition. He won't be the one to build uo its surprisingly strong base in certain sectors

of the non-white communities. Now that he is gone, probably no one will. The National Party

really has no heir apparent. The departure of de Klerk confirmed the wispy evaporation of some wishful thinking - the National Party never will win broad non-white support. Conventional local wisdom says the more things change in the new South Africa, the more they

remain the same. Perhaps not; this may be the beginning of the end of the National Party. In currect South African opposition politics a party without considerable support within the black majority has no hope of ever seeking power. An opposition without a chance of power is not a party; a country with a main opposition that has no hope of power is not a democracy.

### Passed torch

The failure to attract rising black support is not F.W. de Klerk's fault, nor is it black voters' fault. There are many strong old traditionalists in the NP who bluntly do not want black support. But among the voters, interest in political machinations are at an alltime low.

Not surprisingly, after the years downhill, not up. of struggle against apartheid by Those touted as potential sacthe good guys, and the shock of cessors are lightweights - wrong their loss by the bad guys, ending in the huge emotional outburst of people in the wrong place at the wrong time. The conservative the clectioo of the god-like Hernus Kriel, premier of Western Mandela, most South Africans Cape province, may hail from the have had the political stuffing NP's stronghold - but he is at knocked out of them. De Klerk's heart just a provincial leader in a announcement of his departure huge country. The liberal this week was overshadowed by Marthinus van Schalkwyk is prob-Cape Town's bid for the 2004 ably too young and untried for Olympic torch. Ironic! The Cape such a major job. was F.W.'s last bastion. And the truth is those blacks and A South African newspaper coloreds who are paraded as NP writer said recently the couotry voters probably aren't. They were F.W. de Klerk voters and will cvaporate with his political career. Poor old F.W.! Cassandra of old has become one that chases miracles - in reconciliation, in politics and now in international sports. Cape Town is not considered a was granted the true gift of favorite to win the Olympics and the brave effort should not make prophecy - but was destined never to be believed. F.W. de Klerk was the whole country forget the shaky granted a powerful destiny to state of the political system which change history - and not be appre-ciated for it. As a final cruel joke is its future for long after 2004. of the gods, he may cause more Fields of dreams change by his departure than he did io office. "Party today" is fine as long as Clinton's ex-agriculture secretary indicted

there is not a heavy price down the road ioniorrow. It is very dangerous for a a new democracy to hit the high road without a strong democratic opposition.

Neophyte elected leaders must get used to being crisicized, attacked, even mocked, so that the greater good of lively national debate thrives. Mandela's government has no problem with that -but after him? This is still Africa. tribal Africa, and it's worth asking Zulu Inkatha leader Mangosatu Buthelezi how he teels about crincism and opposition.

South Africans' "so what?" atti-tude to the NP's dilemma does not lessen the serious obligation the NP has to transform itself - or else positively burn riself out and let a renewed force rise from its ashes.

This a very important, very beautiful country, consistently reminded it is Africa's last chance to redeem itself. From the luxurious seaside villas of the Cape to the sprawling squatter shacks that seems to march in from the countryside to embrace the towns, the nation finally has the amalgamated dreams of Africa, Europe and

Asia spread before it. Game reserves, skyscrapers, huge vineyards, wild life, 11 official languages ... As the poet said: Tread softly for you tread on my dreams.

### Downhill

De Klork hoped his departure (effective September 9) would lighten the load of upartheid baggage that still slows down his country and his party. His going would have been more useful had there been a credible, preferably black leader to follow him. There isn't.

The party may have succeeded in wooing the majority of the country's mixed race "coloreds" during de Klerk's tenure, but without a new black leader that's it. The former leader's estimate of 15 percent black support is generous, But the trend is



deeply mourns the passing of

### **PROF. SIR JOHN KENDREW, C.B.E.**

recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Honorary Fellow of the Weizmann Institute, who served as a member of the Institute's Board of Governors and past co-chairman of its Scientific and Academic Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal grand jury yesterday charged former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy with 39 counts of illegalty accepting gifts

and favors from large food producers and trying to cover up his activities. The grand jury accused Espy of accepting more than \$35,000 in gifts, trips and favors from large agribusinesses that dealt with USDA when he headed the agency between 1993 and 1994.

Among other things, he was charged with ordering a USDA employee to alter a document that had been sought by the Agriculture Department's inspector general. That charge alone carries a maximum to-year prison term upon conviction.

counsel began his investigation. A former Mississippi congressman,

face a jail term of more than 100 years.

Among the sources of gifts was a lobbyist for Tyson Foods Inc., an Arkansas-based chicken processor. The company has been notified that

America's largest grower of raisins, prunes and other dried fruits, \$1.5 million for giving Espy \$6,000 in illegal gramities and for illegally donating \$4,000 to the failed congressional campaign of Espy's brother, Henry.

Francisco on charges of lavishing favors and gifts on Espy and his girlfriend, Patricia Dempsey.

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Williams was found guilty in March of lying about providing the foot-ball and airline tickets to Espy. But in June, a federal judge set aside Williams' conviction and ordered a new trial,

Douglas is accused of giving Espy a \$2,427 set of luggage and a \$4,590 trip for him and his girlfriend to the 1983 US Open tennis tournament in New York City.

# By JAMES ROWLEY

Espy also was charged with witness tampering and lying to investiga-tors about his receipt of gifts, including tickets to a pro basketball game.

Espy's law office in Jackson, Mississippi, said Espy was not immediately available for comment.

Espy resigned in December 1994, three months after an independent

Espy has denied any criminal wrongdoing. The indictment also charged that Espy lied to the White House when it investigated the allegations as part of an ethics review and failed to . disclose the gifts on his government financial disclosure report.

If convicted of all 39 charges and sentenced consecutively he could

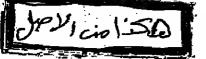
it is a target of the investigation by independent counsel Donald C. Smaltz, according to a person familiar with the probe. In May, a federal judge fined Sun Diamond Growers of California,

Sun Diamond lobbyist Richard Douglas is awaiting trial to San

Smaltz was appointed to investigate whether Espy violated the law by accepting tickets to a Dallas Cowboys football playoff game and \$1,009

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# Lost and found: The story of Tsila

**NEWSinFOCUS** 

Is Tsila Levine's story proof of a plot to kidnap Yemenite children? It all depends who you ask, Larry Derfner reports.

placed" by Rosh Ha'ayin hospital and immigratioo authoritics in 1950, which is why she and her mother lost touch until now, said Ami Hovav. He investigated Levine's disappearance for a governmentappointed commission of inquiry into the Yemenitc children affair 30 years ago.

Hnvav told The Jerusalem Post he is convinced that Levine is the hiological daughter of Margalit Omessi — not nnly hecause of the DNA match between them, but also becanse nf the physical resemblance between Levine and Omessi's other daughters, and because Omessi's story of how she lost Levine seems to square with old records of what happened in the girl.

Hovav said Levine was lost in the same way hundreds nf other Yemenite children wcre lost ---because of the inability of authorities tn keep track nf them.

"Do you know what chaos there was at that time? There was no administration," he said. In contrast to Yemenite activists, who claim Levine, like hundreds or even thnusands of other Yemenite children, was kidnapped by authoritics and illegally given up or sold for adoption, Hovav maintained that "there was no kidnapping, no theft, no sale." Instead, it was an all-too-characteristic mistakc of the time, he said.

Hovay, a retired private investigator and army intelligence officer living in Jerusalem, was the investigator for the Balhoul-Minkovsky Commissioo io 1967-68, and for the Shalgi Commission in 1988-1994 These panels investigated the cases of some 650 lost Yemenite childreo. They turned up records showing that approximately 540 had died; some 30 were alive, adopted or bad disappeared before coming to Israel, and about 80 were unaccouoted for. Tsila Levine was in the latter category - until now.

Margalit Omessi brought her case to the Bahloul-Minkovsky Commission, Hovay said. Sbe

sila Levine was "mis- told the panel that her daughter had disappeared from the Rojb Ha ayio tent camp, where the sands of nther Yemenite families were living. Since being reunitcd with ber daughter, Omessi has said that Tsila was in the oursery at the transit camp, until nne day she was just gene. Authorities, she says, told her they did not know where the girl was

Omessi says she searched the camp, hospitals and other immigrant facilities, and never found Tsila, nor was she given any explanation of what happened m ber.

Hovav says the last day Omessi saw Tsila was evidently December 11, 1949. Hospital records show the girl was suffering from malaria, malnufrition and a throat ailment, and taken the following day to the Hadassah Hospital hranch in Rosh Ha'ayin. Omessi was never told where Tsila had been taken, she says.

According to Hovav, Tsila stayed at the hospital for about a month, until January 15, 1950. But then she was sent back to the tent camp, and, Hovav said, "This is evidently where mother and daughter lost tonch with each other."

The tent camp was divided into three sprawling sections — Alef, Bct and Gimmel, each with thonsands of Yemeoite families. Omessi had beco living in Alef, and Tsila was kept in the nursery of that section, where Omessi used to come to nurse her. Hadassah Hospital records showed that when Tsila was brought back to the tent camp, she was mistakenly placed in the oursery of section Bet, away from ber mother.

WHY COULDN'T the camp anthorities find Levine, "They fouled up the names," Hovay said, adding that this was how many Yemenite children were lost

Levine was listed of ber immigrant's certificate (teudat ola) as "Sa'ada Mazal /bat Yosef Komemi," Hovav /said. "Some Hovay said. Romanian ourse,/or wboever, looked at this name, didn't know what to make of it, and wrote

down something else." Levine's mother was listed as Margalit they do not want to try to find their biological parents. Omessi, and later, after a remar-However, there are a oumber of riage, as Margalit Barzilai, Yemenite adoptees who, like Levine, do want to find their Hovav said. With the comiogs and goings, language harriers and geoeral anarchy of the tent biological parents and bave been searching for them.

camp, the two were never reunited in the camp. SAMPSON GIAT, president of Meanwhile, camp authorities bad a baby oo their hands, and a the Yemenite Jewish Federation of America, "discovered" Tsila mother who couldn't be found. Levine. It happeoed about 12 to 18 mooths ago, after Giat made an appeal on a Habad satellite So Tsila was put op for adoption, He said he bas located about television program in the US to 10 adopted Yemenite children, adoptees who believe they were among the "lost Yemenite chilmostly in the US, who told him

The Jerusalem Post. He said be coocentrated on Levine's case because she had the best documeotatioo on ber adoption, and thus stood the strongest chance of fioding her biological parents, Giat is accompanying Levine

on her visit to Israel. He is, he said, very familiar with the bospital records cited by Hovay, adding, "I doo't doubt that they're correct."

Where Giat and other Yemenite Jewish activists differ from Hovav and those connected with the investigatory commissions is in maintaining that

"You look at pictures of Ycmenite children from that era and you see that they were wearing identification bands oo their wrists," Giat said. "The doctors knew who they were and who they belonged to." Giat and other activists maintain that there is exteosive documentation from the Children of Yemen affair pointing to a plot by Israeli authorities to steal childreo from their parents and sell them to childless Ashkeoazi couples.

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After findiog Levine, Giat said, be testified about ber case before the curreot commission of moury being beld in Jerusalem's

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Cohen. He implored the commis-

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ers to find Levine's parents, Giat

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She was referring to the ques-

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Nahmani-Roth, a deputy state

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Nahmani-Roth noted that

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Levine's Israeli adoptioo papers say she was adopted in February 1949, but that Omessi's identification card says Omessi did not immigrate to Israel until seven months later.

Levice's attorney, Rami Tsuberi, maintained in court that the docnmeots were forgeries. ·Levine said later, "The DNA tests prove beyond a sbadow of a doubt [that Omessi is ber biological mother], and I don't rely on any documents that came out of offices from that time."

Dr. Gbassan Khatib of Hebrew University's geoetics departmeot recently tested blood sam-

ples from Levine, Omessi and

ber other daughters, and deter-

mined a 99.99143 percent prob-

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DNA verificatioo, Khatib noted

- that Levine was truly

Yet because of the discrepancies in Levine's and Omessi's

Commission wants Levine to

retake the DNA test. Levinc says

"I'll take the test with anybody

[the commission appoints to

conduct it]," she said. Giat derided the questions about

Levine's identity that the commission raised, saying, "They can't have it both ways. They can't say

a lot of records were lost, that a lot

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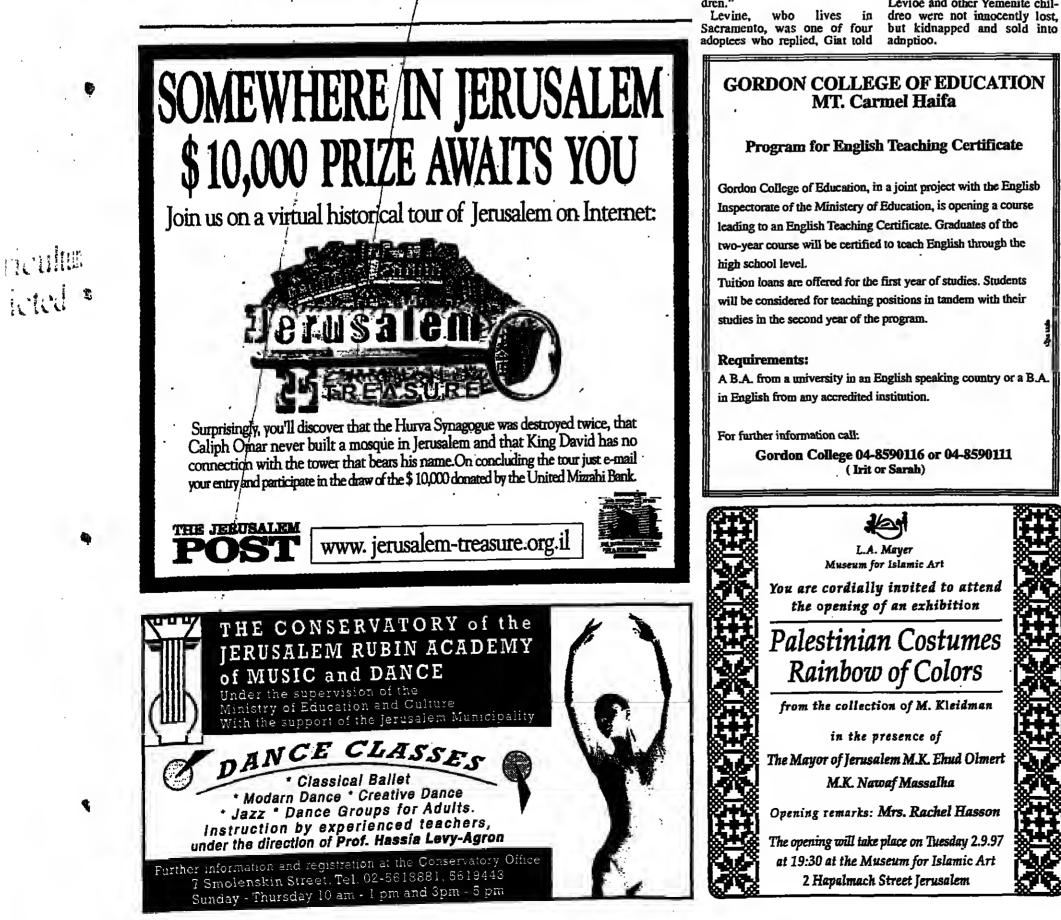
Omessi's biological daughter.

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she is eager to comply.



As a mother's dream comes true and a daughter's quest ends. Margalit Omessi (left) and Tsila Levine at the Cohen Commission this week.



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Education Ministry plans call for reading and writing to be taught partly by computer.

# What will they be learning - and how?

Flexibility is the key to today's curricula - and, of course, more computers

"they'll study less, you'll pay more - that much you know. But once your childreo settle down io the classroom on September 1, will they be studying anything new? And what will be new about the way they learn? Elementary school pupils will feel the

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changes essentially in three areas, according to Dr. Ilana Zailer, director of the Education Ministry's Elementary Education Administratioo.

"The first is the organization of classroom hours," said Zailer. "Things will be much more flexible. Instead of having a program in which time is devoted to each subject on a daily basis, the schools themselves will be able to determine just bow much class time gets allotted to each subject. For instance, a school could decide to devote an entire week to a particular subject.

"Overall, learning will also be done in a more

see only once a week. It will be accessible like a pencil or a pocket calculator is now." Zailer refers to what is being created as "a new literacy.

More resources will be made available within the elementary schools, which will hopefully prompt "the kids and not the teachers to ask the questioos." These new resources will also be used to teach the same subjects in more innovative ways.

As Zailer put it, "You can't teach different history, but you can teach history differently."

SECONDARY school pupils will also find some changes this fall, according to Ruth Ottolengbi, director of the ministry's Secondary School Education Division although the threatened strike made it "difficult to talk about the butter, when we don't even know if we're going to have bread."

One change will be a new option allowing

no pupil be allowed to finish high school without at least a basic knowledge of scieoce and technology." For these pupils, the approach will be geared to how science and technology serves man.

History will be taught in a more integrated fashion, she went on. "Pupils will learn about what was going on here and abroad during the same period; the curriculum will also be updated, since this particular approach has, until now, ended with the creation of the state."

Ooe major change will be junior high school students having to take a second foreign language, the emphasis being oo Arabic or Freoch. "We live in a state in the Middle East, with a large Arab population. All our neighbors speak Arabic," Ottolenghi said. "There is also the element of a demand for equality by Israeli Arabs, who are required to learn Hebrew and Arabic," she explained.

The emphasis on French will benefit the population of immigrants from French-speaking countries, she added.

# Break's over -

It seemed as if those summer months pupils adore and parents dread would never end. But September 1 is almost here, and it'll be books not beaches from now on. Arych Dean Cohen looks at what children, parents and teachers can expect from this new school year.

# **Cutbacks that bite**

those who have just completed

their first or second year of

teaching," he says. "They're gen-erally the most motivated, with

the most up-to-date skills and

Youngsters could

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Many of them are now looking

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Your child's teacher is also like-

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es this year, According to Abuay,

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hmuel Ahuav doesn't like to be seen as a prophet of doom. Dhut his list of the ills that afflict the nation's school system certainly makes him sound like

Crumhling school huildings, widespread theft of computers and more crowded classrooms are some of the concerns Ahuav has been monitoring as chairman of the Union of Local Authorities' education committee, which makes him the local councils' watchdog on education. As such, he's been growling more than wagging his tall of late, giveo some of the serious problems youngsters may encouoter when they walk into school on Monday. Nanually Abuay's first concern

is the cuts in the ministry hudget, which he says will affect the schools in several different ways. particularly in terms of class size. He says that if the cuts are not avoided at the 11th hour, some 70,000 classroom hours will be lost, which would increase overcrowding in the schools.

"Some classes may be combined." he says. "The maximum number of children permitted in a classroom is 41, but in some schools in small communities. grades may be combined too. For example, in classes where there are fewer than 20 kids, they will combine classes, even if the children are of different ages."

Youngsters also may not find because it meant that the teachers would also learn." he their favorite teachers when they explained. "These classes helped return to school, since the cuts teachers bring innovations into could mean firing some 2,000 the classroom. leachers, according to Abuay. These teachers are generally

Besides the problems inside the schools, Abuay is concerned about what's going on outside particularly up on the roof of some of the crumbling school structures.

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"There is a significant problem involving older schools throughout the country," he said. "There are some 1,800 such schools, many built 30, 40 or even 50 years ago. Some are roofed with asbestos, which can crack. The result can be pupils and teachers breathing in carcinogenic dust.

Fire hazards are also a concern. "More than 300 classrooms are built out of flammable material," Abuay observes. "In many cases, the electrical system in these classroonis is neur collapse; one short circuit and the whole classroom could turn into a firetrap in minutes.

"Other schools have outdated water and sanitation systems that need replacing. Some simply have cracks in them.

To deal with the structural problems in the schools we esumate a budget of NIS 450 nullion needed this year." After the cuts, Ahuav observes, "we have a budget of NIS 75m."

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Hebrew language study, for example, instead of having one class for writing, one for grammar and so on, the approach will be more integrated. It will also be used where subjects can be lotegrated with each other.

"We're pushing to change the concept of the pupil-teacher relationship," Zailer noted. "A teacher shouldn't be just an instructor, and the pupil isn't there just to be spoon-fed knowledge. There are other sources of information too; they need to be explored andincluded. We hope to have pupils do more

### The maxim behind one new program: Pupils' abilities should not be measured by tests alone.

independent work on certain subjects, especially exploring source material."

Pupils with mild learning problems will con-tinue to benefit from the Betzavia program. designed to keep as many as possible in regular classes as opposed to being sent for special education.

This program allows pupils with special needs to make progress within the framework of regular classes," Zailer explained, adding that the aim is to reduce the number of pupils sent to special education by a third. This will be done partly by allowing these children to get help with their learning problems from their homeroom teachers. The program is to be introduced at the junior high school level this year, pupils who have been in the program for the past two years will be evaluated to see how it has contributed to their educational and social progress.

The maxim behind another new program, to be implemented in some 700 schools this year, is that pupils' abilities should not be measured hy tests alone. Accordingly, teachers will be encouraged to develop alternative assessments of their papils' achievements.

"Instead of someone on the fifth floor of the Ministry of Education huilding in Tel Aviv deciding how a kid in Dimona should be tested, tests will be formulated inside the schools," said Zailer. "The aim is to give the teachers insight, so they can see that improving the assessment of a student's 'portfolio' is actually part of the overall teaching process. It will also allow them to get a more accurate picture of pupils' performance."

Computers will naturally form a big part of the change in the way pupils learn, at least in those schools that have them. "We consider the use of computers one of the basic skills," Zailer said, "Once there were three rudimentary elements in education; now there are four."

Plans call for reading and writing to be taught partially by using the computer computers will be used for other subjects as well. No child will leave elementary school without a familiarity with hasic computer operations. Zailer promised, including typing and using the computer as a data base.

"The computer won't be something pupils

taking matriculation exams.

Under the new system, a pupil will be able to be tested io just part of his exam and receive a grade in bis school. This grade will not be entered on his matriculation result, but will be used as another component when he feels ready to take the remaining part of the exam. In other words, the earlier grade can be counted as part of the overall matriculation exam result.

This means that some pupils who were afraid in the past to consider taking an entire exam in a particular subject will be able to take it in stages, with the first part serving as a jumping-off point for the additional test.

High schools will also be doing more to increase pupils' motivation for army service. Include will be "various activities we will undertake with the homeroom teachers and other instructors," Ottolenghi explained.

Do you think your child's secondary school is too large? Ottoleoghi and her ministry associates agree. "We want to rethink the whole idea of school size," she said. "Some of the schools have recently gotten much too large to put it mildly. We plan to discuss this with the ministry's development authority, and we'll be doing a survey about the optimum size of schools, which differs from place to place."

As for what will be going on inside the classrooms themselves, science, history and languages are three areas that will experience changes. One program is aimed at pupils in the upper grades who don't elect to study those subjects. "In the past, they wouldn't have had to take these courses at all," Ottolenghi notes, "but the Harari Commission recommended that

Ministry guidelines lay down that first and second graders' bags should weigh no more than 2 kilograms, and third to sixth graders' no more than 5 kg. (Rachamim Israeli)

Pupils studying art will find the approach less chronological and more based on varying subjects and styles, while the increase in the oumber of schools offeriog programs in film, theater, art and music is expected to continue.

ENGLISH classes everywhere will also see differences this year as schools continue to implement the Bridges program. This is based on teaching reading, writing, listening and

'The teacher isn't just an instructor, and the pupil isn't there just to be spoonfed knowledge by the teacher.'

speaking together, but without the overwhelming emphasis on those "boring" grammar exercises pupils complain constantly about.

According to Judy Steiner, the Education Ministry's chief inspector of English, "Grammar will be taught as it comes up, and not just for its own sake. Instead of filling in examples of 'has, had, is, were' and so on, there will be more emphasis on reading in the younger grades."

This emphasis oo reading is exemplified by the ministry's having granted junior high schools NIS 1.5 million to huy books for seventh graders last year, aimed at having the pupils choose their own books to read. Elementary schools received an added NIS 500,000 worth of books.

"We're putting tremendous emphasis oo reading for pleasure," Steiner says. "Research shows that if you want to improve your written grammar and vocabulary, the best way is by reading more." Matriculation exams in English will also feature more emphasis on writing, she

Asked about parents' complaints about the low level of English teaching in some schools, Steiner answered: "We suffer from a chronic lack of English teachers, something that obviously affects the quality of teaching. This year is one of the first where, in some areas, we have a general surplus of English teachers."

Steiger denied that the problem had led the ministry to "import" teachers. She explained that the ministry, along with the Jewish Agency, was simply offering to train immigrants from English-speaking countries with a BA to become English teachers. "We're encouraging aliya, while at the same time ending up with a nice group of English teachers," she said.

While English will continue to be a required subject heginning only in fourth grade, parents who get together to request the ministry's permission can have those classes start even earlier at their children's school.

But in any language, parents can only hope that the school year gets under way on time. If not, they risk seeing some of these excluing innovations go by the board.

Arab pupils study three languages but aren't allocated extra teaching hours.

### Arab schools: From bad to worse Not enough classrooms, an alarming loss of teaching hours, weefully few computers. You

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built either, Sour laments.

kinds of wouble finding the proper buildings," Sour says. "While in the

Jewish sector 98 percent of children aged three to five go to kinder-

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From not enough classrooms: gle ineter of new classrooms, even to a severe shortage of spe-diotigh 72 are needed right now in cial-education teachers, die ; Nazaroth alone. Funds for renovat-L cial-education teachers, the forecast for this school year in the hand to come by. To create an atmosphere that Arab sector is particularly dreary, says Ragiman Sour. He heads the

Nazareth Municipality's educa-tion department and is a member of the Arab Local Conneils' monitoring committee on education. One main problem, says Sour, is a lack of coordination between the Education Ministry and the schools on pedagogic and other. matters. There simply, aren't enough inspectors in the field to let the ministry know what's happening in the schools.

He cites the example of a study theme for the school year. "Last year it was 'Rights and Ohligadons," and it'll probably. end up being the same this year.

As a result, no one relates to the study theme seriously. It's just ignored, or not taught at all." An Education Ministry spokes woman said that this year's theme, Isrzel's 50th anniversary, would be implemented in the Arab and Druse sectors as well. A more serious problem is the lack of funds for building some much-needed new classrooms. The situation had undergone slight improvement and there were plans for building," Sour notes.

But despite that, the process is at . a standstill." In Nazareth and Umm el-Fahm, he says, financing basn't been forthcoming for a sinmoney available to add the teach-

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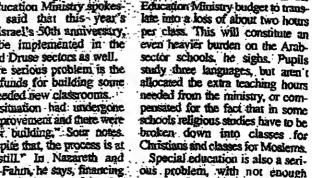
ing positions that are so desper-ately needed. "The government has not yet, fully, implemented the Special Education Law, which lays down that any child who made special. that any child who needs special is conducive to education," Sour education be enabled to receive says, you need first to renovate the schools. The Arab sector has it," Sour says. "We are missingtens of thousands of necessary received very small budgets for leaching hours. The problem is this, and then only for the big particularly serious in the south?

If the school computerization Early childhood education is in program has been slow to take. serious trouble, with no nursery hold in the Jewish sector, in the schools or kindergartens heing Arab sector it is progressing at a. snail's pace, no more. Local councils are having all

"In Nazareth, only one of 20 elementary schools has been computerized," he notes. And funds for laboratory equipment generally only reach the Arabsector schools at the end of the school year, making it "practically useless for planning purposes" Sour says. There is also a sore lack of after-school programs for the underprivileged.

For Sour, the new school year holds more questions than answers. "We are entering the school year with a huge amount of uncertainty over what is going to happen," he says.

One thing is pretty certain; however. Arab pupils will be going home earlier from school this year. Another good bet The Arab local councils are unlikely to let the bad situation in their schools continue without a protest. They might even close down the schools. -A.D.C.



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# Parents: the all-important voice

Whether it's school fees or security or the size of

pupils' bags, the National Parents Association is

He noted that the problem was

Pupils are often required to buy

t slightly over six feet tall. Shai Lachman would find Tit difficult to fit behind your average classroom desk. But as head of the National Parents Association, Lachman probably knows more than some school principals about what goes on in the nation's classrooms and school corridors.

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That's because Lachman, who has already put three children through the school system, still has three other school lunches to fix and, more importantly, three sets of school fees to pay this year. So whether the issue is book prices or school security, the size of pupils' bookbags or the price of school trips, Lachman and his associates are the voice of the parents in the ongoing battle to make our children's schools cheaper, safer and better.

That battle has been paying off - literally - in many areas, chiefly school fees. For while it may not always seem like it, parents are paying lower mandatory fees than they once did. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has even taken the Parents Association's lead, vowing to eliminate fees altogether within two to three years.

The trend toward gradual elimination of parents' fees is continuing, Lachman told an interviewer recently in his Jerusalem office. "It began as a result of the rebellion against school fees we started years ago," he said.

"Up till now, we've succeeded in getting a significant number of fees dropped; the school guard fee, the health fee - now included in the National Health Law and paid by the government, not the parents - the fee for photocopied materials, which is now covered by the ministry, and the fee for matriculation exams.

"We're saving parents NIS 800-850 million a year, but there are still problems. We hope that within two to three years (a time-frame to which the prime minister has committed himself) all mandatory fees will be eliminated. There is a free education law in this country; we are demanding that the government abide by it."

This year's mandatory fees will also be frozen at last year's levels, but Lachman and his staff have me an with on parents who find themselves suddenly faced by fees and aren't sure how to deal with them.

fighting for cheaper, safer, better schooling. Their booklet, entitled A Guide to the Consumer: Back to School, 1997-98 gives other helpful hints for parents who have children in

school. particularly serious regarding Regarding fees, Lachman and math texts and workbooks, citing one second-grade work book that cost NIS 71.20 last year. his staff point out that parents have every right not to pay nonobligatory fees - but emphasize Shelling out hig bucks for a book doesn't mean it will necesthat if they don't pay, their child will not receive the services those sarily be used, Lachman said. fees are meant to cover.

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Among items parents should not pay for, according to the booklet, are air-conditioning, use of the books which, it, later turns out, they never use. Sometimes they end up with several books they school library, the purchase of computers and photocopying of worksbeets or tests. Any request for payment sent home by the paid full price for that they didn't need in the first place. There is also the ethical prob-

lem of textbooks written hy school should be signed not only inspectors or other Education by the principal hut also by the Ministry people. Schools and head of the school's parents' assoteachers are pressured to use those texts over others."

Lachman said.

The solution, Lachman said, is to expand the system of lending BUT SCHOOL fees are just the tip out textbooks, which currently of the iceberg when it comes to the hefty hite September 1 takes out of exists in only about 900 of the your wallet. Schoolbooks cost a nation's 3,500 schools.

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hooks, and lists of required WHAT ABOUT how your child books aren't always issued to pupils before the end of the gets those books to and from school year, as they should be. school? That's another major con-This is a very problematic area," cern of Lachman's. Small children Lachman said. "We're working staggering home under the weight with the ministry to straighten it of huge backpacks laden with out because it is one of the parbooks is a phenomenon he cannot understand and will not accept. "The problem is a serious one," "Required texts," Lachman went

he stressed. It causes physical damage to young children just on, "are changed more frequently than the permitted once every five years. There are all kinds of tricks; when they are growing up. for example, a few minor changes Ministry guidelines, he noted, lay are added and the book put out as an down that first and second graders' bags should not weigh updated, more expensive edition. more than two kilograms, and "Book prices are supposed to be monitored by the ministry," Lachman added, "but there's still price gouging. We asked for each third to sixth graders' bags no more than 5 kg. Seventh to 12th graders should be carrying no book to be stamped with its price; more than 7 kg. - on their backs. Bags carried in the hand put addi-

ple, publishers and others, are to-day running of the school. It's making hig money out of this, not the parents' job; for that there

are teachers and principals. "But if parents feel a child is being mistreated either by other pupils or by a teacher, they must tell someone." Go to the principal first, Lachman advises, then to the school inspector or Education Ministry, which has a hot line handling such problems. "Or parents can contact us."

Lachman is keenly aware of the increase in violence at school. "It's very serious," he said. "We believe that the reported figures are just the tip of the iceberg, that the situation is much worse than the 13 percent rise in violent inci-

dents reported by the police. "Many cases of violence or criminal activity simply aren't reported," Lachman noted. "There's a lot of competition for pupils right now, and principals and teachers are reluctant to wash their dirty linen in public, damaging their schools' reputation.

"The ministry has programs dealing with violence, but unfortunately we're just talking ... there's no real grappling with the problem.

"What we are saying is: Don't sweep school violence under the. carpet. Its prevention must be firmly inculcated in pupils via the regular program of study, from first through 12th grade."

Lachman plans to keep fighting for parents' rights. But as the schools gear up to reopen he's stressing their responsibilities

We're living in an overly permissive society, Lachman noted. Parents are less and less in touch with their children. They spend less time listening to them and being with them. It is parents' ethical and natural duty to take care of their children and educate them."

Parents must get more involved in their children's education," Lachman concluded. "They have to know what's going on with their kids, who they're hanging ont with, when they come home.

"One can't push the whole burden onto the schools," he said. "That doesn't work. Education begins at home."



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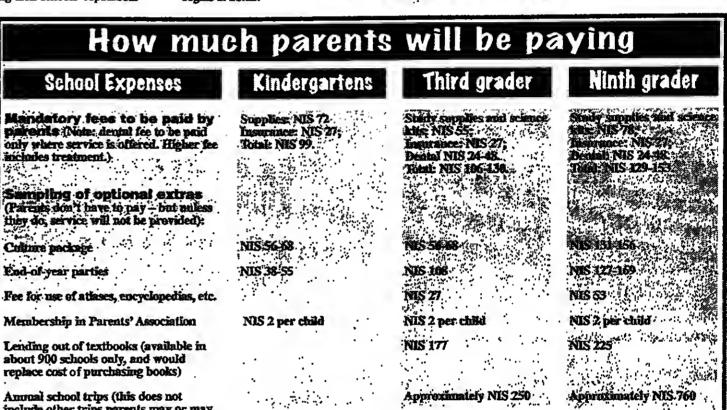
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but this isn't being done. As a result, a whole lucrative industry has opened up at the expense of said. parents." A large number of peo-

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Lachman said the solution to all this shlepping is simple: "Wc're demanding that the schools set up lockers, like in the US. Look," he said, "we're not inventing the wheel here. You don't have to be a genius to know that a situation where second and third graders are carrying incredihly heavy hags is untenable. Some schools have lockers. We want this expanded."

School security is also a concern. The Parents' Association's fight for guards at the nation's schools last year means your child will be doubly protected again this year, hy a guard stationed at the gate, and by periodic police patrols. But it isn't a perfect situation,

said Lachman. "Not all guards are raduates of combat units, familar with the use their weapons. We are asking parents to inspect security measures in schools, to make sure the guards have done target practice, that they are there on the spot and meet the necessary crite-ria. We are, after all, talking about our children's security." Once your child is safely in

school, if it sounds like he or she is having a hard time with a teacher or another child, at what point should a parent intervene? "First of all," said Lachman,

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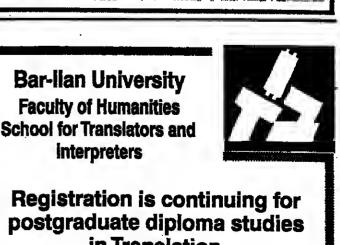
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Two faces of Palestinian law and order

General Ghazi Jabali, Palestinian police chief, is wanted by Israel. Fayez Abu Rahme is the PA's newly appointed public prosecutor. They represent the two poles of the Palestinian justice system. Abu Rahme despises military power. Jabali revels in it. Abu Rahme is a moderate who defends the legal rights of Islamic radicals. Jabali knows how to lash out at Hamas. Both are in a position to profoundly affect their society. Jon Immanuel interviews them.

t the end of a shabby corridor and a row of untidy rooms where A clerks sift through mounds of files and visitors try to buttonhole anyone who will listen to their complaints, Fayez Abu Rahme, the new public pros-ecutor of the Palestinian Authority, sits

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in his small office and ponders.

A septnagenarian, who admits he is not in good health, Abu Rahme slouches in his high-backed chair. After several seconds of cantious reflection he leans forward and says, pausing for breath, "I believe my authority is an absolute authority to tackle all prisoners' cases without the approval of a higher authority."

Those are fighting words that have already put him on a collision course with his employer, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. On August 15, when Arafat was resisting Israel's demands to arrest Islamic extremists, Abu Rahme embarrassed him by ordering the release of 10 Islamic activists.

Abu Rahme said his action was based solely on law.

"Some of these people had been in jail for more than two years without charges. That is not legal," he said.

On Arafat's orders, the same suspects were back in jail 30 minutes later. Two prison officials, Mohammed Atawni and his deputy Ahmed Abu Mulakeh, were arrested for "disobeying internal orders that they not be released," Abo Rahme

He takes the rebuke to his authority philosophically and admits to one error. 'I should have informed the president. So I consider myself guilty oo that score," he says.

Abu Rahme is a name out of the past. In 1985 he was a leading personality in Gaza but his moderate views were overtaken by the youthful tidal wave of the intifada. Considered an independent figure, he was chairman of the Gaza Bar Association for 14 years.

But his deputy, Khalid Kidrah, was appointed as the PA's first public prosecutor. In June, Kidrah was fired in the first broadside against corruption, after being accused of taking bribes in exchange for releasing prisoners. Abu Rahme was rescued from obscuri-

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'I believe my authority

is an absolute authority to tackle all prisoners' cases without the approval of a higher authority.' - Abu Rahme

ty and got the joh that perhaps should have been his in the first place.

Because of his high social position Abu Rahme does not seem a type that can be easily seduced by power. He is a man who speaks his mind. Indeed, one statement he made at the beginning of the intifada put an abyss between him and the rising tide of nationalism. As a prominent spokesman for the Palestinian cause, he dismissed then prime minister Yitzhak Shamir's security arguments against letting Palestinians achieve independence. "If that's the problem, Palestinian

police will go barefoot and carry sticks," Abu Rahme quipped at the time. Many of his countrymen took offense to

the remark, although Abu Rahme said he had intended to mock Shamir, not them. "They did not understand me," he says. "I knew it was impossible to have barefooted policemen." What he did mean to imply was that Palestinians were seeking a demilitarization in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But, he notes that the police in England "still carry sticks."

He now serves a regime for which pomp, parades, automatic weapons, and military intrusion into the justice system is taken for granted.

The Egyptians used to cooperate with us. There was no argument about an order that we gave. I thought we were now practicing the same system. That was my real mistake," he admits, refer-ring to the period between 1948 and 1967 when Egypt held Gaza.

Abu Rahme's wry humor comes to the surface frequently, indicating be has his wits about him. His reservations about Arafat's interference in legal matters was also shown by Abu Rahme's objections to the lightning trial given three Jericho gasstation attendants convicted of murdering taxi driver Shmuel Ben-Baruch this month. "I am treated like an outsider in these cases," Abu Rahme said.

He said he had no knowledge of the Jericho case until after the fact, and went public with his objections to the way the trial was carried out, saying on television, "you can't make justice in 30 minutes."

"Accused people have to be given the opportunity to defend themselves. I remember in the Fifties that when anybody confessed to a huge folony like murder the judges also had to consider the evidence," Abu Rahme adds.

What is most noticeable about the man is that he argues not on the basis of abstract principles, but on what he sees as a tradition of Palestinian justice he would like to see his people resume.

He recognizes, however, that the present is a little different from the past. He does not reject military courts entirely, "in our special circumstances." But he cautions that "treatment of the facts must be wider, wiser and just."

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### Ghazi Jabali you could hear a pin drop amid the deference. Everything is so neat and clean that even the visitors' chairs in his freshly furnished office have plastic wrappers on the seats. None of the furniture was paid for by public funds, his subordinates hasten to say. "It all comes from voluntary contribu-

tions by ordinary people — painters, car-peoters, plumbers, who offer their ser-vices out of appreciation," says Nafez Almighari, head of the police social and humanitarian department. He's the only man in the building without a uniform. Jabali is known to his subordinates as a policeman's policeman. Unlike his col-leagues, Jibril Rajoub or Amin Hindi of the Palestinian Security Services, who devoted their earlier careers to undermining the establishment wherever they

in the whitewashed offices of Gen.

lived. Jabali has always been a cop. Oslo has been good to him. When Jabali arrived in Gaza in 1994, he was only a colonel. His job description was limited to directing traffic, maintaining public order and chasing drug-users. Now he is virtually in control of the national police apparams, a job once held by Gen. Nasser Yusef, who has fallen from Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's favor. Jabali was trained in Jordan and Britain. His bearing is crisp and martial. When he or his deputy Brig. Salim Bourdine go downstairs, policemen stand to attention along the route and salute. If saluting is a sign nf good order, then

Jabali may be the ultimate professional. In the photograph on Jabali's desk, showing him and Arafat, both are saluting. A mural of the Dome of the Rock set in a pastoral setting at the entrance to a parade ground shows a policeman saluting under the slogan "Jerusalem is ours." Jabali's subordinates say that US and Israeli police were so impressed by his professionalism that they invited him to lecture and were amazed by his organizational knowledge.

His sartorial bearing is certainly one up on most IDF officers.

Yet Jabali may not enter Israel, as there is still technically a warrant out for his arrest. He is charged with ordering three policemen to attack Israelis in the Bracha

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never questioned him about what the captured policemen were up to.

Jabali admits that the attair has "something to do" with the trial of three members of Force 17, Arafat's personal security guards, and a fourth Palestinian in Nablus this month for harassing residents of Asira Qibilya, a village near Bracha. The ringleader was semenced to death as a collaborator.

Security sources in Nablus linked the three Force 17 members to a known collaborator called Harb Yunis who lives under Israeli protection in Bracha. They believe that Jabah may have authorized his cager policemen to see it they could capture Yunis, who had been named by the condemned Force 17 ringleader as his contact. Based on this theory, Jabah may simply never have considered the violence that could have resulted from having Palestimans try to abduct someone from in or around an Israeli settlement.

Palestmian security sources note, however, that the incident occurred after IDF undercover troops entered Tulkarta to abduct an escaped Islamic Jihad prisoner, although the lown is under Palesonian control.

Jabali may have considered it a matter of . pride to match that feat, the sources say. Palestinians consider it odd that Jabali. rather than an undercover security agency, should have been charged with such a plot, anyway,

"Many people think that he put the story out himself to create a new image. He was considered by most people to be closer to Israel than to his own people, almost a collaborator," says Ghassan Kharib, a Palestinian political commentator.

Subordinates say Jahali still wants assurances that he won't be arrested.

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But his relations with Israel already seem to be on the mend, and there are signs that the case against Jabali may be dying, although his three police officers, near Bracha, are still in custody.

Three weeks ago Jabali was reported beefing up security around his headquarters for fear that Israeli agents would by to get him. Now he says the Israelis have lost interest

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'The whole problem with the Israelis is they are amazed at how the police force has developed. This is why their argument is against me and not against any other part of our security organization.' - Jabali

settlement near Nablus last month. Asked why Israel should make this charge, he responds in an unexpected, but for him, characteristic way. Another Palestinian official might accuse Israel of trying to torpedo the Oslo accords. But Jabali writes it all off as a matter of professional jealousy.

The whole problem with the Israelis is they are amazed at how the police force has developed. This is why their argument is against me and not against any other part of our security organization," Jabali said.

He adds that his Israeli colleagues have

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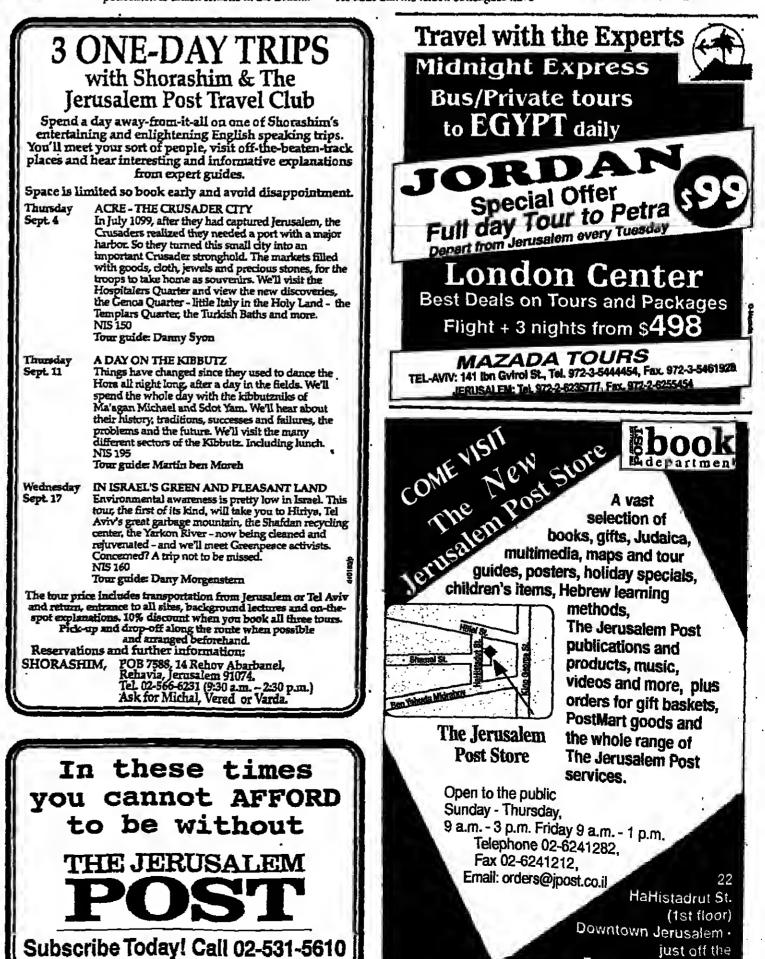
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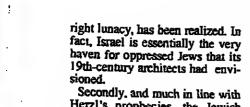
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### By AMOTZ ASA-EL

Then, exactly a century ago loday/ some 200 white-tied, frock-coated delegates from 16 countries greeted Theodor Herzl - à la Elvis groupies — with chants of yehi hamelech ("tong live the king") in Basel's municipal casino, only five of them actually lived in Zion. Back then, as they established the Zionist movement, Herzl and his flock were the butt of many jokes. Today, with carly half the world's Jews living in their ancestral land, Zionism is an enigma for some, an ideal for others, a tragedy for still others, but a laughing matter for nobody. And so, after 100 years of euphoria, depression and tubulence, it is ome to appraise the movement's feats, failures, and toals.

The accomplishments are evident.

For one thing, the dream of Jewish statehood, which to many of Herzl's contemporaries sounded like pie in the sky, if not down-



backed by a well-stocked nuclear haven for oppressed Jews that its arsenal. 19th-century architects had envi-Finally, that emotionally, physically and mentally healthy "new Secondly, and much in line with

Jew," which so many Zionists had Herzl's propoecies, the Jewish sought, has emerged. Free of his state boasts universally acclaimed forefathers' inherent sense of weaktechnological, scientific and agriness and infamous feeling of infericultural achievements. ority, he deals with the Gentiles, Thirdly, the descendants of those

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First, Zionism may have ultithe movement has revived its mately given the Jews a powerful ancestors' language. For those army, but only after a third of our Basel delegates -- with all due people were annihilated in Europe. respect to their yehi hamelech As the Jews were still licking cheers - Yiddish was the their wounds inflicted by major tongue, followed by Christendom, the Zionist move-German, English, French and ment generated a new conflict, Ladino. Zionism's success in this time on the Moslem side of transforming a ritual language the planet. It is a perplexing parainto a modern vernacular remains a source of envy for dox that the only place where Jews are routinely murdered is Israel. those trying to hreathe life into Secondly, Zionism strove, in the various dormant tongues, from spirit of Leon Pinsker's 1882 Basque to Celtic. Not only bas Hebrew matured, hut Yiddish Autoemancipation, in obtain for the Jewish collective what the has died. Like a placenta ideals of the French Revolution organically destined to be had failed to deliver for the Jewish

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The post-Zionist century

shed, it has made way for the individual. However, the Jewish newhorn which it nourished as state spent much of its time battling for legitimacy. Then there is defense. With the One could say that the Holocaust still a vivid recollection Sisyphean struggle for emancipafor thousands of people, the Jews tion first waged hy assorted have a superhly equipped army, Mendelssohns and Rothschilds

has resurfaced two centuries later in Israel's diplomatic travails.

Thirdly, though Hebrew has developed admirably, its durability has yet to be proven (in many ways it is already giving way to English), as does the significance of this reemergence. Israelis may speak Hebrew, but

they are, for the most part, ignorant of their cultural heritage. One week's Yiddish-load of a watercarrier in Czarist Russia's Pale of Settlement could have been peppered with more biblical quotes and talinudic sayings than a Hebrew-speaking high-tech engineer would have uttered in his entire lifetime.

Most tellingly, the Jewish state has hardly begun to create the social contract that is indispensable for any sustainable nadonal structure.

After having chosen the location for the Jewish state (in the aftermath of the 1904 Uganda debate), as we proceed toward a territorial compromise which will hopefully seal the 60-year-old (since the Peel partition plan) debates over its size, Herzl's heirs are about to engage in the mother of all debates: the civil and cultural character of Israel.

And so, as we ponder these predicaments, it is time we acknowledged that the Zionist era has ended. Not because Herzl's beirs have failed, but because the problems the next century,

they sought to address have been solved, and replaced by new ones. Zionism's major raison d'etre, namely solving the problem of Jewish

political plight, no longer exists. For one thing, a sovereign state where every Jew is welcome to establish roots is a geopolitical fact. For another --- partly thanks to Israel - even the world's erstwhile persecuted Jewish communities, from the former Soviet Union to Ethiopia and Syria, have been redeemed. And finally, considering the Diaspora's low birth rates and high assimilation rates. it may not be long before most of the world's Jews will be Israelis.

In other words, "post-Zionism" should be seen as neither profanity nor hiasphemy. It is a reality, a technical description of a period which is dawning before our eyes. Like its predecessor, the post-Zionist age is rife with challenges. But unlike Herzl's Quandaries, the problems of post-Zionism are all here, m and around Zion, where a colorful religious, ethnic and social mosaic must produce a workable formula of civil accommodation and, at the same time. reach a degree of harmony with the predominantly Moslem region of which it is part.

Are these obstacles more surmountable or less than those faced hy the Basel delegates? For more on that, stay tuned for



### By SHLOMO RISKIN

"And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in the place that the Lord your God shall choose to be designated in His name.

(Deut. 16:11)

lthough the American constitution guarantees "life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and the US Supreme Court has defined the legal parameters of life and liberty, the exact meaning of happiness remains elu-

There is oo goal more desired than bappiness; but, paradoxically, it remains in the realin of "utopia" (no place). Perhaps if we truly understood what brings happiness, it would be easier to achieve it!

The Torah concerns itself with the pursuit of joy and happiness. After all, the Book of Bnoks even commands us to rejoice, as we see

Ashkenazi gloss on the Shulhan Aruch, rules that the priestly benediction wherein the kohanim call on the Divine to "lift up His Countenance and bring peace" can be recited in the Diaspora only on the major festivals. In Israel, bowever, it is recited daily. Rav Isserles maintains that the Divine Presence can only be summoned to a place of happiness, and that we can only be happy as a matter of course in Israel. But under ordinary situations, there is no real happiness in the Diaspora. On one level, the Bible believes

that Diaspora brings greater physical vulocrability to attack as well as greater possibilities of assimilation - situations which can hardly lead to happiness. But it seems to me that there is an even deeper consideration.

Whenever we are commanded to be joyful during the festivals, the Torah specifically writes, "And you shall rejoice before the Lord

A VIEW I'ROM NOV



By MOSHE KOHN

Two decades ago The Washington Post, whose name many people still utter in near-ly the same aweil whisper in which they still utter "The New York Times," published a collection of its staff's writings, Of the press, by the press, for the press, and others, too (edited by Laura Langle y Babb, Revised edition, Houghton Mifflin, 1976).

The book included an editorial, "FYI: Partisan Phrases," in which the Post said: "It is a good rule of journalism - though not necessarily of politics - to avoid the unattributed use of partisan phrases from one side or another of a political battle." The writer had the decendy to cite an

example of such use in the Past itself. As we know, moch to dur pain, the paper's Jerusalem correspondents have

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an emhryo.

Gellman and his editor did not see fit to remind the readers of the substance and possible validity of Netanyahu's criticism of Arafat and the PA, or of the substance and validity of the opposition to the accords and the Labor government. Innuendo sufficed

Gellman also reported Arafat's reaction to the sanctions Israel imposed on the PA and its constituents in the wake of the massacre, in which 15 died (including the two terrorists) and nearly 170 were wounded. Gellman wrote that, in a speech to PLO leaders, Arafat "included several references to heroic chapters of Palestinian combat against Israel."

From the way this is written, without quotation marks around "heroic chapters," there is no way of knowing whether those are Arafat's words or Gellman's.

I'd like to assume that Gellman was quoting Arafat but forgot to indicate this in any way. Wouldn't it have been consistent with journalistic ethics, though, for Gellman or his editor to cite from the archives a few recorded facts about the true, murderous, terrorist oature of most of those "heroic acts"?

(Thanks to Nathan Dodell of Rockville, Maryland.)

state. Lancaster mentions it in his story, bowever, using the occasion for a swipe at Israel: "A positive atmosphere in peace talks encouraged Jordan and the Palestinian Authority to open their political systems. But as Israel's relations with Arab countries have nose-dived in the last year, both Arafat and [King] Hussein have taken steps to muzzle domestic critics, including journal-

The PLO's 'heroic chapters'

An editorial in that same issue calls on US Presideot Bill Clinton to press our government to accept the paper's proposal for a resolution of the Arab-Israel problem. Basing himself on a public-opinion poll taken in Israel before the Mahaneh Yehuda double-bombing, the writer thought that "for the United States to go this way would put it in tension with the Netanyahu government but would put it into step with most of the Israeli people."

The paper repeated this call for US pressure in its August 7 comment on Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's speech oo the Middle East.

But a good way for the US to fall out of step with "most of the Israeli people" is for it to seek to impose a solution on us. Two things bave been shown to cause Israeli Jews to close ranks, bowever briefly: war,

because it doesn't represent a sovereign Media Review & Analysis, for his summary of the Gallup poll results.)

CORINNE Whitlatch, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, agrees with Lancaster concerning the responsibility for the lack of democracy in the PA. She blames the US Congress for slowing the spread of democracy in our region, because its support of Israel's demand that the PA fight terrorism "lacks appropriate concern for buman rights and has laid the foundation for an authoritarian police state" (cited in the July-August Outpost, journal of Americans for a Safe Israel).

HERE IN Israel, as in most other lands, a 'zealot" or an "extremist" is someone who believes in something that is outside the socalled elite's "respectability" consensus. Hence, a Reform rabbi wbo officiates at

same-sex, interfaith wedding Is not a "Reform zealot" or anything like that, but a liberal who is "not judgmental" of "alternative lifestyles." Neither is such a rabbi called "ultra-Reform," in the way religious Jews who reject what is called modernity and do not wear conventional Western middle-class attire are called "ultra-Orthodox."

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committed that and related sins many times since that editorial was first published m 1974.

Here is a recent example! On August 7 Barton Gellman reported on some of the actions and thetoric that followed the double suicide bombing in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market. He led off the story hy characterizing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's stern comments on the failure of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority to abide by the Oslo Accords as "a return to a thetorical staple of Netanyahu's years leading the opposition m the previous Labor Party government and

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ON AUGUST 4 The Washington Post published a long, comprehensive article headlined. "Arab Autocrats' Staying Power Slows Advance of Democracy." Written by John Lancaster, it is based on a report by the New York-based Freedom House, which surveys democraoic trends around the world.

Among 19 Middle Eastern states listed. ooly Israel is rated as "free." Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco and Turkey are "partly free." The remaining 14, including Egypt, are "not free."

Arafat's PA is not ranked, presumably

or terrorist action such as the Mahaneh Yehuda massacre; beavy pressure by foreign states.

Moreover, a Gallup poll, conducted for Ma'ariv during the week ending August 15, two weeks after the massacre, shows that 57 percent of the Jewish public, including 37% of those who voted for Shimon Peres last year, were "pleased with Netanyahu's actions since the [Mahaneh Yebuda] attack," and 39% were oot pleased.

(Thanks to Martin H. Miller of Silver Spring, Maryland, for the Washington Post clippings, and to Dr. Aaron Lerner of Ra'anana, director of IMRA/Independent

Wall are not "zealots." Nor were the Women . explore the biblical definition of in Black or the people who went out to Efrata 15 years ago to spray-paint antisettlement slogans on the structures then being built there "left-wing extremists" or "zealots."

But Jews who on Tisha Be'av sought to pray at the southern end of the Temple Mount, where some halachic authorities maintain Jews may tread, are "zealots" (The Jerusalem Post, August 13).

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The portion of Re'eh coociudes with the obligation to come up to Jerusalem (lit: "the city that God will choose") during the festivals of Pessah, Shavuot and Succol. Festivals are obviously occasions of bappiness, and indeed we read with regard to Shavuot: "And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God ... " (Deut. 16:11), which we've quoted above. Three verses later this is repeated twice in regard to Succot: "You shall rejoice on your festival..." (16:14). Strangely enough, there is no explicit commandment to be happy during Pessah. Lest one speculate that the mitzva to rejoice does not apply in Pessah, the sages of the Talmud conclude that the relationship among the three Pilgrimage Festivals (shlosha regalim) means

we must rejoice on Pessah as well. But wby doesn't the Torah make explicit reference in happiness on Pessah? Perhaps the most obvious reason is that Pessah, as opposed to the other two festivals, is linked exclusively to events which take place outside the land of Israel the Exodus from Egypt. Although a transformation from slavery to freedom is an experience that dare not be taken for granted, it led to our wandering in the desert and oot yet to our entry into Israel.

Shavuot and Succot involve agricultural aspects that organically link these festivals to the land of Israel. Shavuot is called "... the feast of reaping, the first fruits of the labor, which you have sown in the field ...," while the second half of this verse describes Succot as the "feast of ingathering which is at the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field ..." (Ex. 23:16).

Pessah, on the other hand, is the Feast of Unleavened Bread (23:15), with historical rather than agricultural symbolism.

If the command to be joyous is specific to festivals directly connected to the crops, we can conclude that happiness has something to do with the land of Israel. And that's why Rabbi Moshe Isserles, in his authoritative

your God, you, your son, your daughter, and your man-servant and your maid-servant, and the Levite that is within your gates, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow, that are in your midst ... " (Deut. 16:11).

Two things must be noted in the verse: Happiness is related to the Divine Presence ("before the Lord your God") and is related to bringing joy to others, especially to those generally considered unfortunate - the servant, the strangers, the orphan and the widow.

Torah happiness comes not from external bounty but from the internal satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that you've helped make the world a better place in which to live.

These two ideas are linked because it is the Almighty who wants a world of justice and compassion, perfect and united under His Kingship. A world of right-coustess and loving kindness will provide the Almighty with "happiness": "Let the wealthy not praise themselves with their wealth, nor the strong ones with their strength, nor the sages with their wisdom. But the one who is praiseworthy must be learned and must know Me, for I am the Lord who does acts of loving kindness, justice and righteousness on earth. It is these things which give Me delight, says the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:23)

Now we can see wby the land of Israel, and not the Diaspora, must be the place of our happiness. Israel is the land from which Torah and God's word will spread to the world. In Israel, Torah can direct society, demonstrating how to properly care for the downtrodden. Israel holds out the promise and the opportunity - of a society based on justice and compassion.

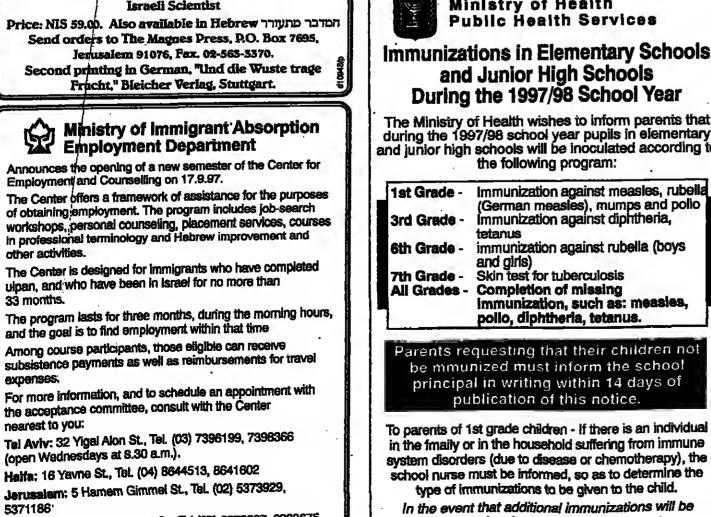
In America we sometimes invite people for a meal, but in Israel we can create an eotire society free of those who need to beg for food, The Torah tells us to be joyous in the presence of God because it is only when we are in God's presence, when we work toward bringing His vision into the world, that we can truly be happy.

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When it's time for physical education, only some of the country's pupils will have a proper gymnasium to work out in, Abuay notes.

"Not a single new gym will be built in any school in Israel this year," he laments. "Today there are 1,200 schools that have no gyms. With our weather bere, there are about 40 days a year on which one cannothold phys ed programs outside. On those days, therefore, schools withoul gyms will simply cancel these classes."

THE COMPUTER situation isn'i much better in many schools, despile the grandiose Tomorrow '98 plan to have allschools computerized by next year 10 mark Israel's 50th birthday. Now it's being called the Tomorrow 2003 program. "The Education Ministry had a

plan whereby there was supposed to be one computer per 10 pupils throughout the country," Abuav says. "But to date only 1,300 schools have been computerized, leaving another 1,500 without any computers. "The real problem arises when

you have pupils ending up in the same junior high school, with some of them coming from computerized schools and others from non-computerized ones. There is an educational lag that takes time to overcome."

If there are computers in your child's school be happy, Abuav says: Theft - particularly of computers - and vandalism are up in the schools, and security is insufficient. priorities in the state's 50th year."

"Because schools today are rich

in technological items - things like computers, televisions and faxes, which they never used to bave - the schools are now a focus for break-ins and thefts," says Abuay. "Hundreds of computers have been stolen - 400 last year alone. Even whole air condi-

tioners have been removed from schools. The break-ins are often accompanied by vandalism fires, glueing up locks, ripping "For the schools to be protected properly, they need added bars

and alarm systems, and to be connected to security companies which can guard them better," Abuav recommends. "This could be done in conjunction with the insurance companies, since the damage is up in the tens of mil-

lions of shekels each year. Many stolen computers end up in the controlled by the Palestinian Authority; but some are stolen and sold on the local market."

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Bui despite Abuav's concerns. some things are looking brighter: "There has been a large increase in the number of pupils getting their matriculation certifi-cates," Abuav notes, "and there is increased technology in the schools, of a type we have never known before.

Abuav advises parents to join him in his watchdog efforts and bite back against the cuts that have been projected in the education budget

The budget cuts will set us back years, hurting the vital progress we have made," he says. We fervently bope there will be 1950s. widespread public opposition from public figures, parents and teachers' organizations, fighting as ooeto put the education system in the forefront of our national

### **ABU RAHME** Continued from Page 10

Anyone who is boping for a sea change in the way the PA does its legal business might be disappointed, but Abu Rahme at least will go beyond the stock accusations of treason, collaboration and sabotage; conspiracy, drugtaking and sexual deviance, which sums up most of the charges brought before courts.

It is also difficult to imagine Abu Rahme planting evidence as his predecessor was accused of doing to secure a conviction.

"His explanations are all very convincing," notes Bassem Eid, director of the Human Rights Monitoring Group. "If he wasn't old and sick I would want him to direct the law for many years because of his openness."

Ahu Rahme has been credited with trying to secure the release of Prof. Fathi Subhi, a lecturer at Al-Azhar University jailed for asking students how they would end corruption in their governmenl.

The arrest was ordered by Arafat in the interim between Kidrah's resignation and Abu Rahme's appointment.

Subuh's wife, Fatima, also credits Abu Rahme with arranging for her a visit to her busband in jail. She says he is waiting for Arafat to approve a release.

Abu Rahme is thinking longterm. He would like to see something like the Egyptian civil laws that were applied in Gaza in the

"It took 10 years for Egyptian civil law to take root in Gaza after 1948," he noted. But, once established, he said, "we had no major changes."

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lsrael is no longer asking Arafat to fire him. On the contrary, Defense Minister Yitzhak doing so. Mordechai pointed out Jabali on Wednesday as the man Israel is

relying on for security. "We are waiting for Police Commander Gbazi Jabali to act in close security cooperation with us and especially in action against terror in the territories under Palestinian responsibility," Mordechai said.

Another sign the Bracha case may be dying is that Col. Munir Aboushi, police commander in Tulkarm, was released by Israel on Tuesday after 40 days of Israeli interrogation.

More than perhaps any Palestinian official, Jabali has borne the bruni of mucb Hamas hatred for the deadly police suppression of riots outside the Palestine Mosque in Gaza in November 1994 which claimed 12 lives.

He used to speak scathingly of Hamas saboteurs of Palestinian security. When asked about Hamas's attitude toward him loday, he shrugs and says "they still hate me." But Jabali's deputy is quick to point ont that he is loved in most of Gaza.

Jabali does not give the impression he is trying to improve his standing with Hamas, and goes out of his way to deny there was any plan to release 10 Islamic radicals from jail two weeks ago.

On the contrary, be says, "I just took 25 prisoners for interrogation from one jail to another. Somebody probably saw some of them through the window of the van and thought they were being released." Jabali's story contradicts that

of Public Prosecutor Fayez Abu Rahme who said be bimself gave the order to free them and was reprimanded by Arafat for

Jabali has more men under his command than any other security commander, and if a legislative council bill to draft youths into a "national service" police force become law, be will have more subordinates than ever.

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If you generally see only our Friday edition, there are now more reasons than ever to read us every day of the week. Beginning Monday, readers

will receive a 20-page paper most days. With the additional pages

come new features - many of which you bave suggested. Our review of the Hebrew press will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in addition to the Sunday review of the weekend press. Later this month we shall be adding week-ly reviews of Israel's Russianlanguage press and also of the Palestinian press.

Sunday readers last week will have noticed our new full page of comics; this week. in response to reader feedback, we will bring you Peanuts, Dilbert, Calvin and Hobbes, Doonesbury and Feiffer in full color.

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They will join Jerusalem Post columnists Sam Orbaum; Ruthie Blum; Thomas O'Dwyer and Allison Kaplan Sommer in giving you much food for thought.

Our expanded paper on Thursdays features a four-page Weekender section - films to see; recipes and restaurants to sample: places to visit - in short.

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### By GREER FAY CASHMAN

GRAPEVINE

ntroducing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at the Aish HaTorah Theodor Herzl Awards Dinner and Ceremony, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert mentioned for the umpteenth time that Netanyahu is Israel's youngest ever prime minister. In a reciprocal mood, the PM said that Olmert was the youngest mayor of Jerusalem. But Herzl, he noted, put them both to shame. He was a mere 36 when he started out on his mission, and his achievements were accomplished within only eight years.

AMONG the Aish HaTorah honorees were Senator Orria Hatch and Congressman Benjamin Gilman, wbom Netanyahu described as "unabashed, uncompromising Zionists." Other honorees included Senator Rudy Boschwitz, Steven Cummings, Fran Drescher, Saul Feldberg, Al Gindi, Munr Kazmir, John W. Kluge, Brian Larson, Gerald Pencer, Allan Silber, Jeffrey

a baby are usually small affairs. But when bota parents of the infant are celebities, keeping the guest list down becomes increasingly difficult. In the case of Alon Shalom. son of deputy defense minister Silvan Shalom and journalist and radio alk show hostess Judy Shalom Nir Mozes, one of the shareholders in the familyowned publishing and broadcast-

CELEBRATIONS on the birth of

ing empire of which the newspaper Yediot Aharenot is the flagship, the number of well-wishers was close to a thousand. One of the few places large enough to accommodate them was Gan Oranim in Tel Aviv. Heading the throng of public figures and celebrities who came bearing gifts and congratulations were Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara. Others present included Defense Minister





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Experiment, which will air next Wednesday on Channel 2. The production is, to some extent, a family affair. The producer is his mother, YaeL

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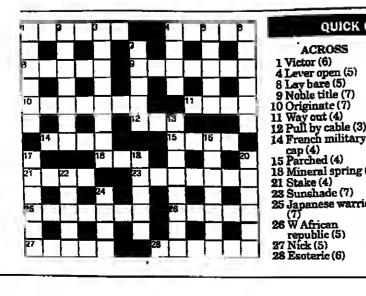
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a helpful guide to planning your weekend which, for many, now begins on Friday. Those interested in chess, bridge, fashion and photography also will find the new Weekender section particularly useful.

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Sara Netanyahu chats with Judy Shalom Nir Mozes at the brit of her son.

Michael Yuriev. who have all made significant contributions to Israel and to the Jewish communities in which they live. Drescher, known to television audiences as the Nanny, was chosen to respond on behalf of the honorees. Preening herself as the only woman, she commented, "All these men up here. What a lucky girl am l!" Aish HaTorah has an extraordi-

nary ability for gamering the financial support of top-line celebrities. Kirk Douglas has already pledged millions. An Douglas's bebest, Steven Spielberg, a former Aish honoree, is making another Jewish-oriented film; and there's a strong chance that Bruce Willis, Goldie Hawn, and Larry King will be coming here for Hanukka to participate in another celebrity-studded Aish shindig.

SOME OF the business-lounge patrons at the Dan Hotel will do a double take when they realize that the young woman attending to their needs bas on occasion wel-comed them to ber home. Currently doing an internship at the Dan Hotel Tel Aviv is Pia de Perio Santos, daughter of Philippines ambassador Rosalinda de Perio Santos. Pia. who bas been studying hotel management in Cyprus, where her mother also has ambassadorial accreditation, decided to return to Israel for bands-on experience. Many of the people who use the hotel's business services have been guests at the ambassador's residence.

SOUTH AFRICAN ambassador Frank Land and his wife. Maatchen, have been so impressed by volunteer activities in Israel that when they were asked to host a fund-raiser for Dror, the Israeli Association for Housing Discharged Psychiatric Patients, their response was instantly positive. One of the major attractions at the September 13 event will be comedian Tuvia Tsafir.

IN THE Tsafir household, they're celebrating the extended career of Tuvia's son Yoav, the successful director of the television lampoon show Hartzufim and the comedy series IDF-1, as well as numerous television commercials. Yoav Tsafir has co-scripted and directed a new comedy. The American

Yitzhak Mordechai, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, Science Minister Michael Eitan, MKs Shaul Amor, Naomi Blumenthal, Dalia Itzik, Shaul Yahalom, Rafi Edri and Avner Shaki, Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo and bis wife, Elisheva, Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau and his wife, Liora, film and TV mogul Yoram Globus and his wife. Leah, comedian Eli Yatzpan and his wife, Galit, entertainer Dudu Topaz, pollster Mina Tzemah, Israel Hotel Association president Michael Federman and his wife, Liora, and lots of other glitterati.

ANY COUPLE celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary is already in the realm of the unusual. But Dr. Philip Goodman and Hanna Caspi Goodman bave gone way beyond that point and will, on August 31, celebrate their 65th anniversary at a gala reception at the Hyatt Hotel, Jerusalem. Married in Jerusalem in 1932 where Goodman, an American, received his rabbinical ordination, the couple returned to the US,-where they lived until 1976. before returning to the capital, where Goodman acted as the Israel adviser to the PEF. In the US he headed the Jewish Book Council of the Jewish Welfare Board and was the editor of the Jewish Book annual for 30 years. His anthologies of the Jewish holidays continue to sell briskly. The Goodmans' two children live in Israel. The couple have 17 sabra great-grandchildren. Hanna Goodman, a member of the famous Caspi family, was bom in Jerusalem and grew up in Nahlat Shiva.

TWO WAY street. While Prime Minister Nelanyahu was in Japan this week, meeting with a political and business leaders, Japanese m another category were meeting in Jerusalem with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau. The good rabbi said "Hai" to a 30member Shinto delegation.

PREGNANT pause. The Los Angeles-based Australian-born supermodel-turned-actress Elle MacPherson, 34, and her significant other, Swiss financier Arpad Busson, 35, are expec-tant parents. The couple have not yes announced plans to marry. They will make the decision after the birth of their baby in February.



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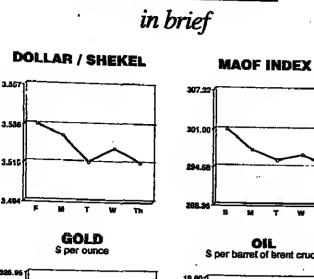
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### Teva receives FDA approval for psychiatric drug

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. has received US Food and Drug Administration approval for Cloinipramine Hydrochloride, a generic version of Novartis's Anafranil drug, a treatment for obsessive-compulsive disorders.

Teva will manufacture and market the treatment in 25mg., 50mg. and 75mg. capsules. US sales of Anafranil total approxi-mately \$50m. annually. Jennifer Friedlin

# **Deutsche Telekom buys** 21% of VocalTec for \$48m.

German telecom giant to be company's largest shareholder

### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Germany's telecommunications giant Deutsche Telekom yesterday announced that it purchased a 21.1 percent stake in VocalTec Communications Ltd. for \$48.3 million. Based in Herzliya, VocalTec

Communications' software enables the transmission of audio, video, data and text over the Internet. Deotsche Telekom, Europe's

largest telecommunicatioos provider, ranks third among the world's telecom providers, behind Nippon Telephone and Telegraph and AT&T.

Deutsche Telekom purchased 2.3 million VocalTec shares for \$21 per share and signed a memorandum of understanding to purchase more than \$30m. of VocalTec products, services and support through 1999, making this the most significant announcement to date for the Internet tele-

phony market. This agreement is a milestone

for the global telecommunications

market," said Ron Sommer, chair-"We expect more and more major telcos to shift away from man of the Deutsche Telekom further massive investment io the board of management, "Deutsche Telekom is the first one to commit traditional circuit-switched infrato providing internet telephony as a part of its regular portfolio of structure in favor of developing a more flexible, cost-effective packservices. This parmership gives us et-switched [Internet] oetwork infrastructure on which to base the opportunity of quickly developing a high-quality product portservices that include voice, fax, folio for internet telephony." video. whiteboard. multipoint Nasdaq-traoed conferencing and a host of other Vocal Tec's

shares rose 5% to \$19.25 in early applications. morning trading yesterday. Since early July, VocalTec's

working on a pilot to give 1,000 of Deutsche Telekom's customers the share price has jumped more than 200%, following the announceability to communicate via the ment of a strategic alliance with mohile phone. AT&T

By expanding into the field of As a result of the deal, other Internet telephony, telecommunitelecommunication companies will now begin looking to get into cations companies will be able to supply customers with a host of the Internet Telephony market. new services, said VocalTec CEO analysts said. Elon Ganor. "This deal broke the ice," said

**Israeli automotive-related sales** 

expected to top \$500m. by year 2000

"After providiog a phone system that has oot changed fundamentally in 30 years, the telecommunications industry is beginning to rec-ognize the oeed for change," he other telecom companies to select companies that have technology like vocalTer's."

Josephthal yesterday raised its VocalTec rating from "hold" to "huy" and announced a largel stock price in the mid-20s.

With a turnover of more than \$94 m, Deutsche Telecom is Europe's largest telecommunications company and the third largest carrier in the world.

The company the largest Internet provider in Europe, leads in the mobile radio service sector and has a cable television network connected to almost 17 million homes.

Last month, VocalTec signed a deal with AT&T to work together with a US-based startup to make it Internet using a conventional or easier to send and receive telephone calls over the Internet.

A recent survey conducted by Frost & Sullivan found that VocalTec holds 79% of the Internet telephony market.

Deutsche Telekom has more than 43 million fixed phone lines Abe Finkelstein, an analyst at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross in and 2.4 million mohile phone subscribers. It provides cable TV Washington, D.C. "This will force and radio broadcasts to more than 16 million households.

# Electric Corp. loses **NIS** 115m., Hapoalim profits up 13%

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### COMPANY RESULTS

### By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Israel Electric Corporation stepped into the red in the second quarter of the year with net losses of NIS 115 million, compared to net profits of NIS 314m. in the same period one year ago, the company reported yesterday. Revenues for the quarter totaled

NIS 1.7 hillion, compared to NIS 1.6h. in the second quarter of 1996, a 5.7% increase.

The company attributed the losses to the difference betweeo the inflation rate and price increases. "The rate of the adjustment of the tariffs was lower than the rate of inflation," said IEC chairman Gad Ya'acobi. 'This caused the gap in the IEC's profitability." As a result of inflation, the IEC

will raise prices hy an additional 1.5% - 2% over the next few months, he said.

In order to keep up with the rate of inflation, the prices will have to go up," said Ya'acobi.

Due to the price increases and a slowdown in the rate of the devaluation of the shekel, Ya'acobi said he expects the company to record NIS 100m, in net profits in the third quarter.

The government said it will demonopolize 10% -15% of the electricity market by the end of the decade.

Anything more than that would "hurt the present capacity of the IEC, cause a loss in investments and cause damage to the national econo-my as a whole," Ya'acobi said."" & The Electric Corporation has managed to block, during the previous Knesset's term, an attempt to shorten its monopoly to six years, after which efforts to fully privatize would have been resumed.

During the current Knesset term another such effort has failed, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said shortly after he

million to automotive components in 1996, a figure that is expected to grow about 20% annually and top \$500 millioo by the year 2000, Asher Amado, director of the Israel Export Institute's metal and machinery department, said

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

yesteroay. "Many Israeli companies have identified the automotive industry as a niche where there is potential for growth," said Amado, adding that many mili-tary companies bave succeeded in applying their technologies to the car industry.

Israel Aircraft Industries is a tive fleets, are selling to bigpartner in HIT, a company that name car companies worlddevelops collision avoidance

Automotive industries specializes in designing and assembling Israeli companies sold \$300 military and other sophisticated metal fabricatioos.

As more and more high-tech developments drive the way automobile manufacturers design, develop and manufacture cars, a growing number of Israeli companies are entering the marketplace.

Companies like Tecnomatix. a supplier of automobile-manufacturing software, Baran, the developer of the "Red Alert" automatic brakiog system, and Azlmut Technologies, a maker of global positioning systems that allow companies to electronically track their automo-

thing electronic in a car was a to send a delegation of engispark plug or hlinker, Eveotually all the things in a car will become electronic and Israeli companies excel in developiog electronic parts and componeots," said Seth Vogelmao, international media consultant for the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The companies are currently

"Israeli companies are now making a myriad, no a plethora of things for the international car market.

While Israeli companies are exporting components and development tools to companies such as Mercedes-Benz, General Ford, Chrysler, Motors. Peugeot-Citroen, Honda and Mazda, foreign automotive companies are also realizing Israel's ocal potential.

neers to visit defeose manufacturer Elhit in order to research ways of incorporatiog military technology into GM cars and trucks,

And last year Volkswagen invested more than \$1 billion in establishing the Dead Sea Works magnesinm casting plant and research and development institute.

'lt's not a colocideoce that Volkswagen decided to invest in magnesium plant here." Vogeiman said.

GM has also iodicated its. ioterest in buying magnesium from the plant.

Next month, about 18 Israeli companies will participate to the Tennessee-Israel Automotive Busidess Exchange conference



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FINANCIAL MARKETS

### **Listless TASE slumps** Finn said. STOCKS Tel Aviv Koor, Israel's largest publicly traded industrial company, reported that second-quarter earnings dropped 48 %. The results were "pretty much in line with expectations," Finn said, Koor shares, the most active today with 7.3 million Maof 295.05 ¥ 0.52 shekels in transactions, gained 0.25% to 377.16 shekels. Dow Jones V Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank, reported that second-quarter FTSE 4845.4 v 1.25 earnings rose 13% to 250.4 million shekels. Nikkei 18451.45 ± 0.05 Finn said investors were watching for new assessments of inflation expectations, the consumer price index, or money supply fig-

at London-based Henderson Investors, which has about 12 billion pounds (\$19 billion) invested in UK equities.

HSBC and Standard Chartered, banks that get much of their revenue from their Asian businesses, dropped after Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell 657.85 points, or 4.23 %, to 14,876.10 amid concem rising interest rates there will stunt profit growth. HSBC fell 151 pence, or 7 %, to 1960.5 while Standard Chartered lost 103p, or 10.6 %, to \$74.5. Combined, they accounted for almost a half of the FT-SE 100's total decline.

Broader UK markets also fell. The FT-SE 250 Index of midsized companies fell 28.2 points to 4621.4, while the FT-SE Actuaries 350, a combination of the other two, fell 26.7 to 2340.5.

Asia

Japanese stocks traded mixed. Banks gained on optimism the government will maintain recordlow interest rates and electronics shares slipped after Japan's biggest brokerage cut its earnings estimates for chipmakers such as NEC Corp. Bank of Japan Gov. Yasuo Matsushita said Wednesday that the government will maintain its low interest-rate policy to maintain the "moderate recovery" in Japan's economy.

"The economic recovery is so weak that the timing of the rise will probably be put out even further than next year," said Celia Farnon, a director at Nomura International Plc. "That's very good news for the banks."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 9.51 points, or 0.05 %, to 18,451.45. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 4.68, or 0.32 %, to 1438.10. Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. rose 20 yen to 2,220. Sumitomo Bank Ltd. rose 20 yen to 1,800. Sakura Bank Ltd. rose 8 yen to 733. Daiwa Bank Ltd. rose 17 yen to 638.

Chipmakers slipped for a second day after Nomura Financial Research enter senior analyst Hideki Wakabayashi lowered his profit forecast for semiconductor makers ause of lower prices for memory chips worldwide. (Bloomberg)

### Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue. chip stocks closed lower yesterday as a sell-off in technology shares pulled the market down in a volatile, topsy-turvy session.

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Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 92.90 points, or nearly 2 percent, at 7,694.43 after swinging in a range of nearly 155 points. In the broader market, declining issues led advances by a small margin on moderate volume of 486 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Blue chips initially were down 129 points but fought back to show a gain of 25 points in afternoon dealing before tumbling anew.

Traders attributed the broad swings to computer-generated pro-gram trades, which had a greaterthan-normal impact in the relatively light pre-holiday market.

The program trades and futuresbased trades are making for wild swings," said Arun Kumar, senior US equities strategist at Lehman Brothers.

Among the big movers, Altera Corp. fell nine to 52-3/8 after the computer chip maker warned of a slowdown in sales, helping fuel a selloff in technology stocks that pulled the entire market lower. The technology-beavy Nasdaq

composite index finished off 14.23 points, or 0.89%, at 1,581.31.



Street," said Daniella Finn, head of research at securities firm Ilanot Batucha. There have been "no great surprises" from companies reporting second-quarter earnings,

April 1995 has only been slowed,

not stopped, with further gains

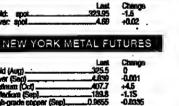
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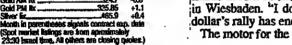
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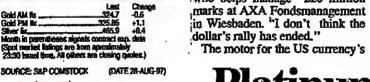
There had to be a consolidation

Chang +53 +3.35 +4.75 -7.5 +0.8 +0 DON COMMODITIES The dollar has hit a one-month speed bump in its two-and-a-half year ascent against the mark, after the Bundesbank threatened to raise interest rates to bolster its currency. SPOT MARKET METALS (US) Investors said, bowever, the rise seen in the US currency since



in the dollar. The rally was too fast, too soon," said Thilo Steiger, LONDON METAL FIXES who helps manage 220 million 124.7 325.85 465.9 





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Platinum, palladium rise amid Russian shortage . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.1

### Precious metals

Platinum and palladium prices for immediate delivery rose 10 cents to \$325.55 an ounce. rose amid continuing concern

Russian shipments of the metals MAY HOL DC coougn to meet

gains is evidence growth in the world's largest economy is picking up steam, combined with concem Europe's planned single currency, the euro, will be weaker than the mark.

kets has been driven to a large

extent by buoyant growth in Asia;

this now has to be reviewed," said

David Thornton, a fund manager

Europe

The dollar has been on a roll since April 1995, when it dropped to a post-war low of 1.35 marks. After surging to an eight-year high of 1.8905 marks on Aug. 6, the US currency slipped as low as 1.7922 marks earlier this week, trimming its gains against the German currency so far this year to about 15 % from 20 %. It's already bonncing back, however, climbing as high as 1.82 marks yesterday after Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer sug-The motor for the US currency's gested the German central bank

# CURRENCIES Dollar 3.5160 ¥.0.20 Basket 3.7652 ¥ 0.20 Mark 1.9444 ¥ 0.43 Sterling 5.6717 A 0.11 isn't yet convinced it needs to

raise interest rats to curb inflation. The potential is still there to go through 1.90" marks, said Keith Kelsall, who helps manage \$30 billion in assets at Fiduciary Trust International Ltd. in London. "We're positioned toward a

stronger dollar." The US currency's climb has been broken in the past month by signs that Germany's central bank may be preparing the ground for its first increase in rates for five years. "A lot of investors have their

pockets stuffed with dollars at the moment and want to get rid of it," said Andreas Rneger, a trader at Commerzbank AG. The fundamentals, however, are still in favor of the dollar, I'm afraid we haven't seen the mark's absolute low yet." Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer, breaking almost two months of silence last night, said he's "happier" with the mark's

exchange rate now than he was two weeks ago. A surge in German import prices

in July to an eight-year high of 4.2%, coupled with bigger-thanexpected gains in consumer prices in August, helped kindle concern over higher German rates. Tietmeyer warned against "overdramatizing" the two price reports, pointing to a range of "special factors" that may not be repeated in the next few months.

Tietmeyer also denied a report by Deutsche Bank Research, the economic research unit of Deutsche Bank AG, claiming the German central bank had sold as much as \$2.5 to \$2.8 billion of its dollar reserves to prop up its flagging currency. (Bloomberg



cents bigher. Gasoline, the key refined product during the warmer months when car use is at a peak, has influenced crude prices for the last two weeks and brokers said today the crude market will be lightly traded until New York ers would strike would be taken

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Russia, the world's largest producer of palladium and second largest producer of platinum, resumed shipments of the metals 5-002075 month hiatus.

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last month after a near seven-Concern persists that the resumption of Russian deliveries may oot be sufficient to meet demand, analysts and traders said.

Crude oil prices were little changed to lower after gasoline

prices sprung a 6 percent recovery Wednesday, and the move made traders cautious of betting on crude prices before the US opens. On Wednesday, gasoline was pulled lower by perceptions supplies, shown by industry reports to

3/8 point after a slide in US stocks

sent the dollar reeling, raising con-

cern foreign investors will shy

away from Treasury securitics and

The government said the econo-

my grew at a revised 3.6 % annual rate in the second quarter, above the

3.3 % pace forecast by analysts in a

The government's initial estimate

Traders also dismissed the quick-

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other US assets.

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Brent Oil \$18.57 & 0.01 CRB 239.82 & 0.51 

be higher for the first time since June, would be ample to last the rest of the period of peak demand use. Later, a problem with the world's second biggest refinery pulled prices up to finish 2.59

isonne tra ills. Octobe Brent crude oil fell 5 cents to trade at \$18.51 a barrel.

### Others

Coffee prices soared after limbing in New York climbing Wednesday on speculation that a labor dispute in Brazil could disrupt exports from the world's

ket remains healthy.

Some investors remain concerned

the economy is growing at a fast

enough clip to quicken inflation,

Robust growth also increases the

from Brazil would come at a time of growing concern that coffee supplies will fall short of roasters' needs. Coffee for September delivery on the London delivery on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange rose as much as \$41 a metric ton to \$1,570 a ton.

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# US bonds gain on slowing inflation

US bonds rose for the second time in three days after a govern-. ment report on second-quarter growth suggested the economy is still growing without much infla-

tion. "As long as inflation stays down, the market isn't that concerned about growth," said Ken Anderson, who oversees about \$7 billion in bonds for Evergreen Asset Management Corp. in Purchase,

put growth at 2.2 %. Inflation remained near the lowest level New York. since the 1960s. The price deflator The 30-year Treasury bond rose 6/32, or \$1.88 per \$1,000 bond, to rose at a 1.5 % annual pace in the 96 5/8, driving its yield down 2 quarter, up from the previous estibasis points to 6.63 percent. The mate of 1.4 % and the lowest since two-year note's yield fell 4 basis the second quarter of 1964. points to 5.94 percent. Bonds pared gains of as much as er growth rate because it was large-

### BONDS



which cats into the value of fixedquarter, as those inventories are income investments. drawn down. The inventory increase, "can save the market from a real debacle,

chances the Federal Reserve will boost borrowing rates for a second because it might help stem growth in the second half," said Kevin time this year to keep prices from rising too quickly. Reports earlier

Flanagan, money market economist this week showed that consumer confidence unexpectedly climbed at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter Discover & Co.

this month, while sales of previously owned homes rose by a greater-than-expected 2.2 % in July. Separately, the government said the number of Americans seeking first-time claims for state unem-With the unemployment rate near ployment benefits fell 16,000 to the lowest in a generation, some 323,000, a bigger decline than expected and a sign the labor marinvestors are concerned workers will be able to push for and get

expectations.

said

higher wages, which may lead to nising prices. Many investors see a good chance the Fed will boost interest rates before year-end, judging by futures on Eurodollars, or dollars on deposit outside the country. The securities are among the most sensitive to Federal Reserve interest-rate

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One wounded soldier described the ordeal to an Itim reporter at Rambam hospital where he was brought along with three others burned in the blaze.

"We were on the slopes of a hillside with another hill opposite.

The terrorists that we killed were in a crevice," said Corporal Ronen Laloush, 20, of Upper Nazareth. We fought them for about four hours and killed four of the terrorists. The fifth managed to get away.

The battalion knew about the place and started to fire mortars to make certain the terrorists had been wiped out. One of the mortars started a fire on the hill opposite. All the area is covered in scrub and bushes," Laloush said. Laloush said the troops remained

in position even though the opposite hillside was ablaze. "Then a direction. We didn't really notice at first what was happening. When we did, the fire was right below us and

spreading rapidly upwards," he said. He said the fire by then was spreading at a rate of 20 meters a minute, with flames shooting into the air. The troops received orders to climb out of the wadi and took off their heavy equipment to make it easier.

Laloush said there was choking, heavy smoke everywhere. "We started to have the jitters at the scene as the fire reached us and we began to burn," he said.

"I didn't think we would get out of there. The flames were as high as eight meters. It was frightening. "I started to climb up, but it was

impossible to breathe or see. We shouted our names to one

another." Laloush said that at one stage he looked back to see what was happening to his comrades and felt a finger of flame reach out to

him "I put my hands to cover my face and they got burned and lost all feeling in them. I climbed up on my hands and knees as best I could. We reached the top and then the

unit commander and myself turned back, when the flames had passed, and went back down about 20 or 30 meters in order to help our comrades.

"It was terrible. They were all burned. We couldn't help because of the fire and the heat. It was homible," he said.

During the fighting yesterday, IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jabal Shaffi region m the eastern sector of south Lebanon,

deserted house apparently used by

Hizbullah gunmen as a launching pad for attacks and infilitrations into

There were no immediate reports of any Hizbullah casualties in the air raid — the 10th by the IAF against targets in Lebanon in the past month — although reports from Lebanon said the building was destroyed.

Arieh O'Sullivan adds: Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, speaking before the IDF released news of the deaths of soldiers in a brush fire in Lebanon, beseeched army commanders to be diligent in their efforts to avoid accidents and to protect their soldiers. "It is inconceivable for there to be

phenomena of ill discipline or that actions be taken in disregard of basic lessons learned, or against orders and procedures of the IDF. It will make us lose valuable people," Mordechai said.

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Mordechai echoed his predecessor the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin who warned two years ago against the phenomenon of 'must me'

"We have all been commanded to protect those under our command. With every deviation and whenever we say 'trust me' and we are not diligent, we will find ourselves failing," Mordechai said. "And to my regret, we found ourselves failing this year in one of the heaviest tragedies which occurred in the IDF," Mordechai added, referring to the Feb. 4 collision between two IAF transport helicopters ferrying troops to Lebanon which killed 73 servicemen.

The IDF has recently distributed uniform debriefing forms to officers serving in Lebanon to help them record actions and lessons learned. The form calls for a description of an incident, the forces involved, the Speaking at a graduation at the evolution of events and mistakes

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The army spokesman said the pilots reported direct hits and that all the planes returned safely to their bases.

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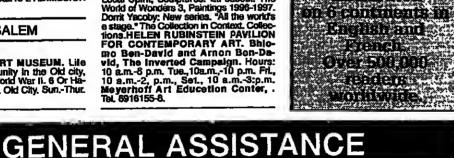
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# Israel envoy: Swiss antisemitism on the rise

ambassador lo Switzerland, which has been embroiled in controversy over the handling of Holocaust era assets, has accused Swiss politicians of provoking a massive rise in antisemitism.

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In an interview published yesterday, Ambassador Gabriel Padon, whose two-year term ends in September, urged the Swiss government to counter the trend.

He also lold the weekly Jewish paper Juedische Rundschau that he hoped the Swiss Jewish community would be more active in opposing racism. "In my opinion, antisemitism

in this country has grown mas-

ZURICH (Reuters) - Israel's sively, especially in the past and the government to probe the nbassador to Switzerland, year," Padon told the paper based country's financial past, search in the Swiss city of Basel.

after World War II.

Padon said antisemitism always existed in Switzerland but SULVIVORS. was now worse. "And it bas become socially

acceptable because certain politilikening Jewish calls for restitution to "extortion and blackmail" in December. Right-wingers cians have instrumeotalized it for their purposes," he said. Padon did not accuse any among center-right government

politicians by name, but rightcoalition parties continue to use wing politicians have grown the phrase "extortion". increasingly vocal in denouncing Jewish leaders have said they international criticism of are receiving more and more Switzerland's role during and abusive and threatening mail, much of it anonymous.

International pressure led by Padon said he bas personally the World Jewish Congress asked the Federal Council, or (WJC) has prompted Swiss banks cabinet, to take a clear public Padon said.

stand against antisemitism. "First of all, the Federal for accounts left by Holocaust Council must set a clear signal victims and set up an aid fund for against this phenomenon. This kind of thing can not be tolerated Swiss President Jean-Pascal in this day and age," Padon said. "I have not yet received an answer but I will probably get Delamuraz had to apologize after

this in my final meeting with the Federal Council," he added. Padon also said he wished the Swiss Jewish Federation (SIG) would speak out more loudly

against antisemitism. "I do not believe the correct reaction to antisemitism is to be

quiet and bope it will end. It has beeo shown in other countries from 850 grams to 1.064 kilos apiece at Meir Hospital in Kfar that this is not the right way,"

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port was reached after lengthy

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"All the issues were very com-

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forces will accompany travelers

who arrive in Akaba to Eilat and

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Nahum Langenthal, director-

general of the Transport

The airport was the first major

joint project announced between

Israel and Jordan after they

Ministry said yesterday.

from Eilat to the Akaba airport,

Jordanians.

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condition, although three were hooked to a respirator. It was the first set of quintuplets Eilat-Akaba Airport ever born at Meir Hospital. Mrs. Duabsha said after the Caesarean section yesterday that

she was "overjoyed." Her husband Abdelan'im said he was happy, but didn't quite "know how to digest the news. Now we'll have to cope with taking care of

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By JUDY SEGEL

A 32-year-old woman from

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Hatma Duabsha delivered three

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previous marriage, and Abdelan'im had five with a previous wife, but none lives with the

couple. Doctors said the pregnancy was natural as Mrs. Duabsha wasn't

undergoing fertility treatment.

The birth took place after only 29 weeks gestation, after Mrs. Duabsha spent about five weeks in the hospital's high-risk pregnancy unit. She had to be delivered after signs of respiratory distress were detected by a fetal monitor.

Mrs. Duabsha had turned down doctors' recommendations to undergo fetal reduction to improve survival chances for some of the fetuses. But the fetuses had undergone special treatment to try to ripen their lungs in utero.

On the delivery team were Drs. Moshe Feigin, Doron Rosen, Yael

Barkan and Clarisse Nahari. As each baby was born, Dr. Tzippy Dolphin, head of the neona-

tal intensive care unit, rushed it to intensive treatment.



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### Greek-Orthodox to defend property rights

Members of the Greek-Orthodox community in Galilee are to protest tomorrow opposite the residence of the Papal Nuncio in Jerusalem over what they call Vatican indifference over the systematic disposal of the community's property. The property, the protesters say, is being sold or rented on long-term leases by Bishop Maximos Salloum. Haim Shapiro

### Carter says he's worried over Mideast

Former US president Jimmy Carter said yesterday that he was worried about the latest crisis in the Middle East peace process.

The election of Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister of Israel was a dangerous setback to the peace process because he does not want to achieve progress in the peace process," Carter said during a stopover in Cairo airport on his way from Addis Ababa, where he attended a workshop on food and African economie development, to Frankfurt.

Carter said that efforts must continue to ensure a peaceful resolution despite the crisis in negotiations. "This is a dangerous problem in the region that worries me," Carter said. Reuters

### Gazans protest tuition charges at UN school

Some 3,000 Palestinian children protested yesterday against

plans to charge tuition at UN-run schools in refugee camps. "We want a free education," the protesters, aged eight to 17, chanted in a rally organized by the Fatah youth movement. The UN Relief and Works Agency faces a \$20 million deficit for the last quarter of 1997, in part because of inadequate funding by donors and because of an increase in the number of

refug "We had to take some painful decisions which were necessary to make sure the agency can continue to function," said Robert Bowker, the UNRWA spokesman in Gaza City. As part of the budget cuts, UNRWA plans to charge \$15 a year for tuition.

### Palestinian official defends Holocaust denial

The Palestinian Broadcasting Corp. yesterday defended a program on official Palestinian TV in which the host and a guest said Jews profited from the Holocaust and inflated the number of victims. The chairman of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corp., Radwan

Abu Ayyash said the two men speaking on a cultural affairs program were entitled to express their views, and said he didn't consider the remarks offensive.

"I do not see in this anything against Jews or against anybody. The Israelis cannot prevent people from saying what they want," he said.

### Hammer to skip Vilna Gaon events in Lithuania

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has informed Lithuanian Ambassador Dr. Romas Misiunas that he will not be attending the upcoming events in Vilnius marking 200 years since the Vilna Gaon's death.

The official reason reportedly given for Hammer's not atteoding were the last-minute difficulties involved in ensuring the opening of the school year.

"I was very gratified to learn that the minister will oot be participating, given the current circumstances in Lithuania, and the failure of the government there to prosecute Nazi war criminals and to cancel the rehabilitations granted to convicted Nazi mur-derers," Ephraim Zuroff, director of the Wiesenthal Center's Israel office said yesterday. The Wiesenthal Center and the Associatioo of Lithuanian Jews have been calling on Israeli academicians and Jewish organizatioos worldwide to boycott the Aryeh Dean Cohen

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By HAIN SHAPIRO Starting Monday Eilat will be reacbable by air via Akaba, the port is just nine kilometers north of the Israeli town.

government said yesterday. An agreement will be signed in Akaba Suoday by Transport Minister Yitzbak Levy and his Jordanian counterpart. The facility's official name rity. It was decided that Israeli will be the Akaba-Eilat Airport. officers would oversee the transfer of passengers and goods in Jordan, alongside

The cost of a planned expansion to handle increased traffic is estimated at \$30 million. According to the agreement, the joint airport will use a

Jordanian airfield, bnt passengers bound for Israel will be bused to a terminal on the Israeli side of the border. Eventually a corridor will be built to connect the Israeli and Jordanian sides, During a four-month test period, only domestic Israeli flights

will be bandled in Akaba. Later the joint airport will serve mainly international charter flights to Eilat\_

signed a peace treaty in 1994. Currently Eilat-bound interna-CLASSIFIEDS



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tional flights land at the Uvda Mrs. Duabsha had six children in military airfield, a 45-minute drive from Ellat. The Akaba air-

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to blame for cutting out all mention of Israel from UPU publications. Postal Authority director-general Moshe Tery said the UPU, as a UN-affiliated body charged with coordinating postal matters, was responsible for all publications issued under its symbol. Tery said be would see to it that the matter is brought to the UN if necessary.

James Gunderson of the UPU's international bureau in Basel com-

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### mented yesterday to The Jerusalem Post about its story Wednesday on Tery's charges. Gunderson said the UPU "has a special language system for translations, whereby each of the various language groups bears the cost of translations into its

specific language." On that basis, Gunderson continued, each language group decides the extent to which documents and publications distributed by the UPU are to be translated.

The Arabic Language Gronp gave instructions in 1964 "not to translate into Arabic any document from Israel, as well as any reference to Israel, in other UPU publications."

### **Continued from Page 1**

US officials have been reserved in evaluating the PA's performance since a trilateral committee was established during US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross' visit to the region earlier this month.

They have not said whether the PA's performance has improved enough to justify the yardstick Albright set down in her speecb.

Albright's trip also appears to signal a return to Netanyahu's good graces of ambassador to the US Eliyahu Ben-Elissar. The envoy will return to Israel for Albright's visit, as protocol dic-

inat Ben-Ellissar will be remining early enough to participate in the government's planning sessions in advance of Albright's arrival.

He has been seen by many administration officials and Israeli diplomats here as being out of the loop in both Jerusalem and Washington. He returned to Israel in late May to secure his position here.

Ben-Elissar met with Ross last week prior to leaving town for a California vacation and is due back this weekend. He will bold additional meetings with Ross this week.

Ben-Elissar "certainly thinks he's involved in what's going on now," the embassy official said.

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# Beersheba advance to main draw in Cup Winners' Cup

### By DEREK FATTAL

Happel Beersheba ended 2-1 winners in last night's marathon European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round encounter over Zalgiris Vilnius to go into today's first-round draw of the compeution. Like the match in Vilna two weeks ago, the scoreline remained goaless after 90 minutes, thanks in no small measure to the superb goalkeepiog of Beersheba's Shaul Smadja who had to save his side repeatedly before a home crowd of

over 9,000. The young Lithuanians dominat-ed most of the game and finally took a deserved lead six minutes into extra time when the shaky Hapoel defense was prised wide open, leaving Narius Radjos the simple task of putting the ball past

Fortune Beersheha's way when Radjos was sent off four minutes later for committing a foul on Oren Sagron.

Near the end of the first half of extra time, the southerners were awarded a penalty following a hand-ball by Vasichslav Sokristov, which Yossi Benayoun converted. At this stage the Lithuanians still looked likely winners on the 'away goals count double' rule but the now buoyant Hapoel players were on the hunt for their next goal.

It came four minutes from time when defender Sharon Buchnik guided a pass from Shimon Biton into the net. The Negev side hung on to the end while the Lithuanians suffered the indignity of having another man shown a red card by the Hungarian referee in the last minute of play.

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**Betar to meet Hapoel Kfar Sava** 

Maccabi Haifa face 14th-place Herzliya in this weekend's National League soccer action

### By AMMANJAH DE VRIES

Betar Jerusalem will try and improve on their National League 10thplace standing with a home game (tomorrow, 16:00) against Hapoel Kfar Sava, currently in seventh. On Wednesday, Betar Jerusalem agreed to lend their Brazilian forward, Carlos Paro, to Maccahi Petah Tikva.

First-place Maccabi Haifa lonk forward to an easy win as they travel to 14th-place Maccabi Herzliya (tomorrow, 17:45; live broadcast on Channel 2). Third-place Hapoel Jerusalem face off against fourth-place Hapoel Tel Aviv (Blonmfield, tomorrow, 18:00). Second-place Ironi Rishon Le Zion will attempt to keep up their good record as they go against Ironi Ashdod at home (tomorrow, 18:00).

The other National League games this weekend are (Saturday unless noted): Hapoel Haifa vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv (18:00 in Kiryat Eliezer), Hapoel Petah Tikva vs. Hapoel Beit She'an (18:45), Hapoel Ashkelon vs. Bnei Yebuda (today, 16:30).

Hapoel Beersheba's match against Maccabi Petah Tikva has been postponed to Tuesday.

The second division soccer league opens its season this weekend, one month after National League play began. Five strong teams out of the 16 will be battling it out for the only two tickets to the hig time. The two teams who were demoted last season, Tsafririm Holon and Hapoel Taiba, are in good shape to try and return to the majors. Joining them in the contest are Maccabi Netanya, who just barely missed promotion last season, Maccabi Jaffa and Hakoah Ramat Gan,

# COMMENT **Betar's loss** reveals soccer's sorry state

### By DEREK FATTAL

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Betar Jerusalem's heady dreams of joining Europe's soccer elite in this season's Champions League came crashing down to earth with Wednesday night's comprehensive 3-0 defeat in Jose Alvalade Stadium at the hands of Sponing Lisbon.

The Portuguese - who made Betar pay dearly for some naive lapses in defense - now go into the cash-studded draw that could pit them against teams like Manchester United, Borussia Dortmund and Juventus. Coach Otavio Machado has assembled a talented squad which could cause a few surprises for the hig names during the coming phase of the competition.

The Jerusalemites, however, now go into today's draw for the first round proper of the UEFA Cup together with Hapoel Petah Tikva. Betar's defeat, coming exactly a week after the national squad ended its World Cup qualifying program, reflects the current rather depressing position of Israeli soccer.

Despite having made enormous strides in the last five seasons following the country's acceptance into the European soccer orbit through its associate membership in UEFA, the quality of the game here has now reached a plateau. Maccabi Tel Aviv failed at the same stage as Betar last season against Turkey's Fenerbahce and the year before against Casino Salzburg.

While Machado spent over \$20 million in new players to help Sporting win the Portuguese title for the first time since 1982 and then take its place in the Champions' League, that sort of money simply does not exist in the Israeli game, Betar - whose operating budget is dwarfed alongside Sporting's purchase ledger - lost its two best stars at the end of last season to foreign leagues. The team's Hungarian imports may

stand out in domestic play, but despite worthy performances by Istvan Pishont and Stefan Saloi on Wednesday, they are unlikely to ever hecome matchwinners at European club level.

Money is pouring in to local soccer from live television coverage but not at a rate great enough to buy the sort of foreign imports that can bring European success. Added to the fact that the level of play in the domestic National League is on the wane, it is hard to see how any Israeli club will be able to make it into the Champions' League in the near future except hy way of a freak result.

But such a prospect looked unlikely from the opening whistle on Wednesday. To their credit, Dror Kashtan's men never let the huge crowd overawe them, hut simply lacked the power and punch to hit at Sporting when they needed to. The Portuguese, on the other hand, raised the tempo and quality of their game at will. They started out with purpose and bad the ball in the back of the net with the second shot of the match when Ivailo Iordanov let loose from outside the area in the fourth minute to beat a pathetic dive by Betar

goalkeeper Itzik Komfein. The Bulgarian international almost took a second goal 10 minutes later, but his attempt impacted with the side netting due to poor finishing. Sensing the need to improve the marking on lordanov, Kashtan replaced Ra'anan Deri with the more composed Shmulik Levy in the 20th minute.

The Jerusalemites clawed their way back into the match through the tireless efforts of Pishont, and around the half hour had a number of on-target efforts that called goalkeeper Philip De Wilde into actioo. Just before the break, Yossi Abuksis - having a poor match by his high standards - flashed the ball just side of De Wilde's far post. Betar's last

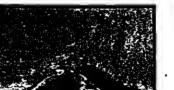
meaningful attempt came six minutes after the break when Pishont sent a delightful ball into the area only for David Amsalem to bungle instead of equalizing.

Sensing the crowd's irritation, the Portuguese raised their game once more and took to the attack. Instead of standing their ground, the Betar defense gave away two

LOW-FLYING CRAFT- Sporting Lisbon's Didier Lang soars over Betar Jerusalem's Tomer

Azulai in Wednesday's European Cup second leg preliminary qualifier. Lisbon won 3-0. (Rement)

foolish goals to Brazil's Machado Leandro in the 57th and 68th minutes that effectively ended Israeli interest in the tournament for yet another year.





# Muster chases Henman 'in jest'

Rain delayed the start of yesterday's US Open until

Henman tapped a drop volley with Open. Muster at the baseline, and Muster sprinted in to scoop it up. Henman

But Henman's serve-and-volley game proved too fast and accurate in this first-rate tennis duel, and the No. 21-ranked Henman put the match away with a backhand volley that broke Muster in the final game.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Thomas Muster charged past the net, chased Tim Henman with racket raised and swung at him wildly as Henman ducked with a panicked look into the tunnel.

Muster was only kidding this time, but Henman wasn't taking any chances. On a day when the fifth-seeded Muster denied rumors that he tested positive for drugs, and then found himself getting knocked out of the US Open in the first round, no one could really be sure at that moment how serious his mad dash was.

Muster's mission to transform himself from king of clay to masler of hard courts ultimately broke down Wednesday when Henman beat him 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-4. The play that provoked Muster's

mock attack came in the only set he won when he was desperately scramhling to stay in the match.

lunged to catch the ball with another forehand volley into an open court, and Muster kept running - around the net and after Henman.

Muster's swipe with his racket missed Henman's head by a couple of feet, but the Briton felt the breeze as he ran toward the tunnel. "He's a pretty entertaining guy, on and off the court. I thought it was a bit of fun, a bit of humor," Henman said. "At first I didn't think so. I thought it was the best thing to do to keep running."

On a new court that's playing slower than years past, especially in hot, muggy weather, Muster expected to have an advantage over Henman, who grew up playing on grass in England. Muster, the 1995 French Open

champion, won nothing on clay this year but captured two tournaments on hard courts, including the prestigious Lipton, and was considered a threat to win the

Muster put out a statement through the ATP Tour denying a report in an Italian newspaper and rumors that have been circulating for months that he failed a drug test. "I am just sick and tired of that rumor that has been going oo this year," Muster said at his postmatch news conference.

"I have heard comments about testing positive at tournaments I haven't been playing at. That has been going on for years. It is not my fault that I might have better lungs than somebody else or bigger lung volume than somebody else. It's just disappointing to hear drug allegations all the time."

Two other French Open champions played in Arthur Ashe Stadium with mixed results: No. 7 Sergi Bruguera of Spain escaped with a 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Australian Michael Tebbutt, and women's No. 4 Iva Majoli, the current French champ, fell 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 to France's Sandrine Testud.

In other women's matches, Venus Williams kept her US Open debut happy with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Gala Leon Garcia; No. 2 Monica Seles defeated Tara Snyder 6-2, 6-3; No. 5 Amanda Coetzer beat Alexia Dechaume-Balleret 6-1, 6-1; No. 8 Anke Huber beat Janet Lee 6-2, 6-1; No. 9 Mary Pierce won 6-2, 3-0 wbeo Silvia Farina retired with an ankle injury; No. 11 Irina Spirlea edged 16-year-old Anna Kournikova 6-1. 3-6, 6-3; and new pro Lilia Osterloh won 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, 3-0 when Corina Morariu retired ill. In other men's matches, No. 10 Marcelo Rios beat Luke Smith 6-1, 6-1, 6-4; No. 13 Patrick Rafter beat Andrei Medvedev 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; and No. 14 Mark Philippoussis won 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 1-0 when Jerome Golmard retired with a that I am doing it on purpose."

#### How the seeds fared Wednesday

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**Mark Philippoussis** 

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tion. "I just want to shut up every-

body because they just think so

much about her," Spirlea said. "I

am not saying she is not good, but

Men, first round: Tim Henman, Britain, def. Thomas Muster (5). Austria, 6-3, 7-6(7-3), 4-6, 6-4. Sergi Bruguera (7), Spain, def. Michael Tebbutt, Australia, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Marcelo Rios (10), Chile, def. Luke Smith, Australia, 6-1, 6-4. Patrick Rafter (13), Australia, def. Andrei Medvedev, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-1, 7-5, second round: Mark Philippoussis (14), Australia, def. Jerome Golmard, France, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 1-0, retired.

Women, second round: Monica Seles (2), US, def. Tara Suyder, US, 6-2, 6-3. Sandrine Testud, France, def. Iva Majoli (4), Croatia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, Amanda Coetzer (5), South Africa, def. Alexia Dechaume-Balleret, France, 6-1, 6-1, Anke Huber (8), Germany, def. Janet Lee, US, 6-2, 6-1, Mary Pierce (9), France, def. Sylvia Farina, Italy, 6-2, 3-0, retired. Inina Spirlea (11), Romania, def. Anna Koumikova, Russia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

### **Rangers swap Robitaille to Kings**

NEW YORK (AP) - The New Kings - for whom he once started York Rangers traded left wing Luc - for left wing Kevin Stevens yes-Robitaille to the Los Angeles terday.

#### By HEATHER CHAI

It's high tide for the Israeli women's team in the World Sailing Championships (470-division) with just two sails remaining off the Tel Aviv beaches. After 10 sails, Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi are

in fifth place and still in the running for a medal. After the first race yesterday, they were in third place overall and ended the day with individual results of eight and seven. The points scale is very crowded at the top as the Israelis, while in fifth, share 43 with the fourth-placed team from Spain. The Ukrainians, with Vladelina Kratchun and Natalia Gapoyonich in third place have 41 points.

Ruling the waters among the women are a second Ukrainian team, comprised of Ruslana Taran and Elena Pakholchik, who have won six sails so far, almost guaranteeing themselves the gold medal.

In second place is the German team of Nicola Birkner and Wihke Buelle.

The women have a day off today and will begin their final sails tomorrow at 11:00.

The vagaries of the sea and a little bad luck moved the Israeli men's team of Nir and Ran Shental from fourth place after eight sails to a disappointing eighth spot at the end of the ninth sail.

The Shental brothers were among the victims of the day's third sail when, after three false starts, 10 teams were disqualified for yet another early start.

With two sails left today and one tomorrow, Finns Petri Leskinen and Kristian Heinila lead and Portugal's Victor Rocha and Nuno Barreto are second.

Elad Ronen and Tomer Batitu, also from Israel, won the eighth sail yesterday, the second time they have won a sail in the tournament, and occupy the 19th spot overall.

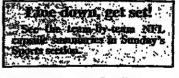
### Adding Greene causes 49ers lineup shuffle

SANTA CLARA (AP) - The San Francisco 49ers pulled off the acquisition of-pass-rush specialist Kevin Greene without a hitch. Squeezing him into the lineup is another matter.

Admittedly experimenting to get Greene onto the field, the 49ers plan to insert last season's NFL sack leader at left end in their long-yardage defensive packages for the NFL season which gets underway on Sunday.

In those alignments, end Roy Spirlea, who outclassed Kournikova from the baseline, Barker will slide inside and Dana Stubblefield, a two-time Pro Bowl was out to prove a point against

selection, goes to the sidelines. Greene, who signed a six-year. \$13 million contract, agreed to terms with San Francisco two days



after his release by Carolina ended a bitter holdout.

Once Greene became available, the lure of his dominance as a pass rusher was too much for the 49ers to pass up. Greene, who had a league-high 14% sacks last season, has led his team in sacks the past nine years while playing for the Panthers, Pittsborgh Steelers and the then-Los Angeles Rams.

Greene joins a defense that already has a pair of ends in Chris Doleman and Barker who seamed for 23 sacks last season.

The 49ers were reluctant to take either of them out or remove defcosive tackle Bryant Young, leaving Stubhlefield the odd man OUL

### Women's trips finish 4th in bowls tourney By NORMAN SPIRO

Israel's triples lawn bowls team put up a sterling performance to fin-ish in fourth place among the 14 participating nations in the Atlantic Rim Women's Bowls Tournament in Wales, and with a gold medal in sight, were proverbially "pipped at the post."

Their achievement was all the more notable in a background of drama. Immediately on arrival Merle Swerdlow was recalled home for family reasons, her place then being taken by team manager Arlene Rubin, who made up the trio together with Maureen Hirschowitz and Isabel Myers.

In a supreme team effort, the trio found themselves top of the log, one point ahead of Wales, Scotland and Jersey, and with only their final 13th game to be played against Scotland, having in previous game beaten the title holders South Africa 22-8.

But it was Scotland who came out winning 15-10, relegating Israel to fourth position behind Wales and Jersey. Argentina did well to finish in fifth position, ahead of South Africa, England and Ireland.

Israel's pairing of new caps Chaya Prager and Tzila Gavish found their maiden appearance somewhat trying, and with three wins and one tie, finished in 13th position.

England won the pairs gold, edging out Ireland's world champions, Margaret Johnson and Phyllis Nolan, while previous title holders South Africa were relegated to sixth position.

The singles and fours began yesterday.

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everything. She is a pretty, young girl, and she can get all the atten-tion. But sometimes it is not fair." Koumikova dismissed such complaints. "It's not my fault that people write about me," she said. "I don't want (the players) to think

Wright was in an angry exchange with the match official

The match official said he assumed Wright was angry over the amount of stoppage time

could be far-reaching. He was told by the FA in July that he would face a long ban - possibly up to 12 matches - if his bad behavior continued.

what sanctions Wright could face, said there was no precedent. "Our powers are limitless and every case is different," she

Wright

it is frustrating because sometimes risks ban LONDON (Reuter) - Fiery

Arsenal striker Ian Wright risked a lengthy ban from soccer

yesterday after the English Football Association charged

him after a pitch flare-up on Wednesday.

after a 3-3 draw at Leicester's Filbert Street ground.

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The consequences for him

An FA spokeswoman, asked

said.

SPORTS

# It was a great 'Year of the Tiger'

### He may not have been Superman, but 21-year-old Tiger Woods set some mighty impressive records in his first 12 months as a pro

NEW YORK (AP) - The PGA Tour got the best of all possible worlds from Tiger Woods in his first 12 mooths as a professional. He brought unprecedented attention to golf without making a mockery of the competition.

Woods lived up to the hype, but other players rose to the challenge of a supremely confident young man who at the Masters made it seem like he just might win everything.

"I think eventually the excitement is going to take on a more realistic tone," Tom Lehman said about Tigermania after the Masters and before the U.S. Open.

"Right now, it's at a point where Tiger Woods is Superman and everybody else is just a bunch of loyal serfs out there trying to keep up," Lehman said. "That's not the case at all." Certainly, Ernie Els, Justin Leonard and Davis Love III proved the wisdom of Lehman's words.

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If Tiger Woods gets an "A" for his first year on tour, then golf gets an "A-plus." And if Woods emerged as one of the most compelling athletes around, golf also emerged from its small corner of the sports world to take center

Few were ready for what Woods did after turning pro last August 27.

He won in only his fifth tournament, won again two weeks later and started 1997 by winning the Mercedes in a sudden-death playoff with Lehman by nearly making a hole-in-one oo the first extra hole.

Still, no one was prepared for what Woods did at the Masters.

After shooting a 40 on the first nine, he played the final 63 holes 22 under par.

Woods was the youngest Masters winner, shot the lowest 72-hole score since the tournament started in 1934 and had the widest winning margin in a major championship since the 1862 British Open.

And his victory was pushed from the sports pages to the news pages hy the fact that Woods, whose father is black and mother is from Thailand, won at a club where, until very recently, only the caddies were black. All in all, Woods has wou six times in his 25 PGA Tour events since turning pro. He bas

already broken the single-season money record. There were bumps along the way.

He blew off the Haskins Award dinner, where he was to be honored as the nation's top collegiate golfer, and ended up apologizing. He could have handled the Fuzzy Zoeller situation better, but was certainly not to blame for Zoeller's offensive remarks after Woods' Masters victory.

It would have been nice if Woods had participated in ceremonies marking the 50th anniver-sary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in baseball. And there is no reason he should hesitate even for a minute to sign golf balls for Billy Andrade's charity auction. And his confidence at times rubbed other

players the wrong way. "He's making it sound like he's the only one," Faxon said after Woods remarked that he won the Byron Nelson with his "C-plus game." "It's the mark of a champion to win tournaments without having everything together," Faxon said

Good point. Woods listened and quit grading

himself after that,

As for golf, Woods had trouble on difficult driviog courses, as shown by the US Open, British Open and PGA. His impatience resulted in too many double, triple and even quadruple bogeys.

Woods' greatest strength and his greatest weakness could be the same thing - he believes he can do anything. Several times that led to big numbers on holes when he tried to hit the hero shot instead of the wise shot.

But it is that bit of Arnold Palmer go-for-itall in Woods that makes him even more compelling.

Woods still misses greens long too ofteo and is erratic on short putts.

But nearly everything Woods did wrong in his first year as a pro stemmed from one very fixable flaw - he is 21 years old.

The things he did right stemmed from one indisputable fact - he is the most physically skilled player ever to step up and swing a golf club.

He may also want greatness more than anyoue."I love to play golf, simple as that," Woods said. "I absolutely love to play. Whether it's with my pop back home, playing with my friends, playing in tournaments, I just love to

play." With barely a pause Woods then tacked on the final composent that makes him so special. "And I love to compete even more," be said. "So you put those two things together and you have the combination that's me."

And if Year 1 of the Tiger was any indication, golf's record book could contain blank pages waiting for Woods to fill them in.



### Garciaparra's hit streak at 29 in Bosox win Indent residence SEATTLE (AP) Twins 2, Tigers 0

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Garciaparra extended his hitting Bob Tewksbury pitched a fivebitter for his 100th career victory, streak to 29 with a single on the game's first pitch, then homered to winning for the first time since June 20 as the Minnesota notched start a fifth-inning rally that led a home victory. the Boston Red Sox to a 9-5 win over the Seattle Mariners on Tewksbury (5-10), struck out Wednesday, five and walked one in his fourth

Garciaparra had three hits. complete game this season and including his 25th home run. His second shutout, the seventh two-run homer keyed a four-run fifth-that put the Red Sox ahead for good a \$3. shutout of his career. He had been ... 0-5 with a 7.44 ERA in his previous six starts.

Athletics 8, Yankees 7 Jason McDonald singled and Garciaparra moved closer to the longest hitting streak by a rookie, made it home when right fielder set by Benito Santiago at 34 in 1987. The longest hitting streak in Paul O'Neill misplayed the ball Red Sox history is 34 by Dom into a three-base error, scoring DiMaggio in 1949. with one out in the bottom of the Edgar Martinez, Alex Rodriguez ninth inning.

and Paul Sorrento each homered for the Mariners. Seattle has hit 49 home runs in August, one shy of the team mark for a month, set in June. Bret Saberhageo, making his second start of the year after missing all of 1996 because of sboulder trouble, pitched four innings for Boston. He gave up five hits and three runs, two of them carned. The Red Sox limited him to 85 pitches. John Wasdin (4-5) pitched two innings for the win. Tom Gordon got four outs for his fourth save. Jeff Fassero (13-8) left after the fifth inning. Heathcliff Slocumb, traded from Boston to the Mariners on July 31, gsve up a two-run homer to Troy O'Leary in the ninth.

### Shigetoshi Hasegawa to tie the major league mark for RBIs in an inning.

Rookie Jaret Wright (5-2), a 21year-old right-hander whose father, former Angels pitcher Clyde Wright, was in the stands, didn't allow a hit after giving up a run-scoring double to Rickey Henderson in the second inning.



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(Reuters)

Indians' Matt Williams

NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Dodgers 9, Pirates 5** 

Los Angeles increased its NL West lead to 1½ games over San Francisco, Piazza had a run-scoring single in a three-run first inning against Steve Cooke (9-13), then hit the first pitch thrown in the majors by rookie Jason Johnson for a three-run homer his 30th - in the second. He added his 31st in the ninth, a two-run

shot off Matt Ruebel. Mets 15, Giants 6 Jason Isringhansen (1-0), mak- . ing his first start since last September, won despite giving up five runs, 11 hits and six walks in five innings.

He allowed 17 of 29 batters to reach base safely, but got the win when host New York rallied for five runs in the fifth inning and

After wasting a 6-3 lead in the ninth, host Philadelphia won it on Kevin Stocker's 12th-inning single off Jim Bruske (3-1) for its first

four-game sweep in two seasons. Schilling allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, struck out 10 and walked two. He raised his strikeout total to 264, tying Seattle's Randy Johnson for the major-league lead.

The last pitcher to reach double digits 15 times had been Dwight Gooden with the New York Mets. Astros 6, Braves 4 (13)

Jeff Bagwell hit a two-out, tworun homer in the top of the 13th inning and Houston won the second straight extra-inning game between the NL division leaders.

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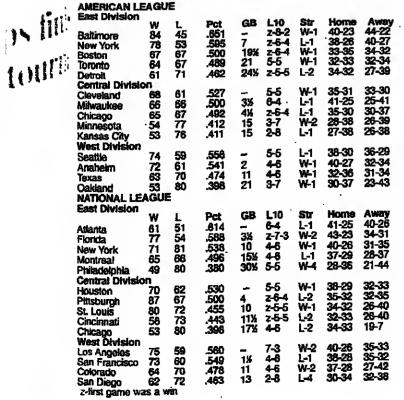
Another considerations for Jondan, 34, was the status of sidelack and good friend Scottle Proper, when the Bulls were ready in trade in June. Reports have Said Jordan was seeking a promise limit the team

remsoon. Earlier this summer, the Bulls met one of forthars demands for returning by resigning coach Phil Jackson to a one year deat would Som.

CHICAGO (AP) Michael Jerden, who led the Chicago Robis no. five NBA cliampionships gives the last server reast agreed Wednesday to realize data one field to be back again. I look forward to belong bringing shofter NBA championship to Chicago. Jordan mid h. statement references the Bolls. Jordan a nine-time schere Champions for some cagner server MVP and the MVB drive NBA Promotion for some cagner server MVP and the MVB drive NBA Promotion for some cagner server MVP and the MVB drive NBA Promotion for some cagner server MVP and the MVB drive NBA Promotion for some cagner server made a restore S10.14 million terr server Terms of the contrast were not revealed. Reports and Jordan was seeking a complet worth of fear S20m. He that on The stay on the Store.

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Rangers 7, Brewers 1

Rusty Greer bit a solo homer and Tom Goodwin a two-run double as visiting Texas stopped a three-game losing streak.

Darren Oliver (11-10) won his fifth consecutive decision since a July 21 loss to Baltimore, allowing one run and six hits in seven innings.

Steve Woodard (3-3) gave up six runs and eight hits in three-plus innings, leaving because of a strained muscle in his side.

**Orioles 7, Royals 3** Rafael Palmeiro hit two bomers, a solo shot and the tie-breaking grand slam in the eighth inning, to carry Baltimore to a home win The victory enabled the Orioles to avoid their first two-game losing streak since mid-July. Baltimore has won six of seven and 10 of 12. Chili Davis hit a three-run

45 6-3 4-5 4-5 homer, becoming the eighth player in Royals' history to hit a home 5455 455 455 run in four straight games. Kirk Gibson was the last to do it, in 1991. 4-5

Blue Jays 13, White Sox 2 5-5 2-8 7-3 6-4 Joe Carter hit his 202nd home run with Toronto, tying George Bell's club record and reaching 20 for the 12th consecutive season as the Blue Jays won at home.

Intr 4-5 Carter, who drove in four runs, followed fourth-inning singles by 6-3 2-7 Mariano Duncan and Jose Cruz Jr. 7-2 1-8 with his 377th career homer, tying Norm Cash for 35th place on the career list.

3-6 5-4 The drive off Doug Drabek (10-9) put the Blue Jays ahead 9-0.

4-5 6-3 6-3 Carlos Delgado homered twice and drove in four runs for the Blue

6-4 7-3 3-7 Javs. Pat Hentgen (14-8) pitched a five-hitter for his league-leading ninth complete game. He was perfect until Albert Belle's leadoff single in the fifth.

McDonald lined a shot off Jeff Nelson (3-6) that took one hop and skipped past O'Neill.

O'Neill threw up his hands in disgust, then ran to retrieve the hall near the wall. McDonald never broke stride and made a head-first slide to easily beat the relay bome.

As O'Neill came off the field, he appeared to get into a verbal battle with fans in the stands behind first base.

Indians 10, Angels 4 Matt Williams homered and doubled to drive in a record-tying six runs during a 10-run fourth inning, leading Cleveland to a road win.

Marquis Grissom added a grand slam in the big inning as the Indians overcame a 3-0 deficit. Mike Piazza bomered twice and Williams hit a three-run homer, drove in six runs and visiting Los his 28th, off Allen Watson (11-8). Angeles picked up its 11th win in Later, he hit a three-run double off 15 games.

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MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING---FThomas, Chicago, 351; Justice, Cleveland, 341; SAlomar, Cleveland, 330; BeWilliams, New York, 328; Greer, Texas, 327; O'Neill, New York, 327; WClark, Texas, 326. RUNS-Garckaparra, Boston, 107; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 99; Jeter, New York, 98; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 97; FThomas, Chicago, 92; EMartinez, Seattle, 92; BLHunter, Detroit, 91. RBI--TMartinez, New York, 124; Griffey Jr, Seattla, 120; Salmon, Anaheim, 107; FThomas, Chicago, 104; JuGonzalez, Texas, 104; O'Neill, New York, 104; ToClark, Detroit, 93; Belle, Chicago, 98. HITS--Garciaparra, Boston, 179; Greer, Texas, 163; Jeter, New York, 160; JhValentin, Boston, 160; IRodriguez, Texas, 156; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 154; GAnderson, Anaheim, 153. HOME RUNS--Griffey Jr, Seattle, 43; TMartinez, New York, 41; Thome,

HOME RUNS-Griftley Jr, Seattle, 43; TMartinez, New York, 41; Thome, Cleveland, 36; McGwire, Oakland, 34; JuGonzalez, Texas, 32; Buhner, Seattle, 31;

Cleveland, 38; McGwire, Oakland, 34; JuGonzalez, Taxas, 32; Buhner, Seattle, 31; RPalmeiro, Battimore, 31. STOLEN BASES-BLHunter, Detroit, 62; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 51; Nixon, Toronto, 47; TGoodwin, Texas, 43; Vizquel, Cleveland, 35; Durham, Chicago, 29; ARodriguez, Seattle, 28. PITCHING (15 Decisions)-Clemens, Toronto, 20-4, 833, 1.60; RaJohnson, Seattle, 17-4, 810, 2.32; Moyer, Seattle, 14-4, .778, 4.10; Erickson, Baltimore, 15-5, .750, 3.30; Dickson, Anahelm, 13-5, .722, 3.72; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-5, .722, 320; Radie, Minnesota, 17-7, .708, 3.55. STRIKEOUTS-RaJohnson, Seattle, 264; Clemens, Toronto, 230; Cone, New York, 215; Mussina, Baltimore, 178; Appier, Kansas City, 164; Fassero, Seattle, 159: CFinley, Anaheim, 155.

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28; RHemandez, Chicago, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 27; ToJones, Detroit, 24; Percival, Anaheim, 21; Taylor, Caldand, 21; Slocumb, Seattle, 21. NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING-Gwynn, San Diego, 382; UWalker, Colorado, 375; Piazza, Los Angeles, 356; Lofton, Atlanta, 348; Alfonzo, New York, 331; Joyner, San Diego,

.330; Bichette, Colorado, .316. RUNS-Biogio, Houston, 121; LWalker, Colorado, 118; Bonds, San Francisco, 95; Galarraga, Colorado, 93; Bagwell, Houston, 90; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 89;

Piazza, Los Angeles, 82. RBI-Galarraga, Colorado, 117; Bagwell, Houston, 110; Gwynn, San Diego, 105; LWalker, Colorado, 103; ChJones, Atlanta, 101; Sosa, Chicago, 101; Bichette, Colorado, 101.

HTS-Gwynn, San Diego, 189; LWalker, Colorado, 178; Biggio, Houston, 161; Piazza, Los Angeles, 159; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 158; Castella, Colorado, 156; rraga, Colorado, 153.

HOME RUNS-LWalker, Colorado, 37; Castilla, Colorado, 36; Bagwell, Houston, 35; Galarraga, Colorado, 34; Piazza, Los Angeles, 31; Bonds, San Francisco, 30; Sosa, Chicago, 29.

STOLEN BASES-Doarders, Circaman, 50; Wohack, Philourgh, 40; DeShields, St. Louis, 44; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 38; Biggio, Houston, 32; QVeras, San Diego, 30; Henderson, San Diego, 29. PTC-HING (15 Decisions)-Neagle, Atlanta, 17-3, 850, 2.83; Kile, Houston, 17-3, 850, 2.28; GMaddux, Atlanta, 17-3, 850, 2.33; Estes, San Francisco, 17-4, 810, 3.08; PJMartinez, Montreal, 15-6, -714, 1.81; Juden, Montreal, 11-5, .687, 4.22; Park, Los Angeles, 13-6, .684, 3.12.

SAVES-Back, San Francisco, 34; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 33; JoFranco, New York, 32; Nen, Florida, 31; Wohlers, Atlanta, 31; Hoffman, San Diego, 30; Eckersley, St. Louis, 30.

scored eight more in the seventh. Marlins 4, Cubs 3

Darren Daulton hit a two-out, two-run single off Terry Adams (1-8) as visiting Florida won for the sixth time in eight games and opened a five-game lead over San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. The Marlins came from behind for the 37th time this season, winning for the 20th time in their fioal at-bat. Florida got help from backto-back errors by shortstop Manny Alexander.

Phillies 7, Padres 6 (12) Curt Schilling became the first pitcher since 1984 to reach double digits in strikeouts 15 times io one

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NATIONAL LEAGUE Los Angeles 330 000 102-9 16 1 Pitzsburgh 030 000 101-5 10 2 D.Reyes, Hall (7), To.Worrell (9) and

Bagwell's 35th homer came off Paul Byrd (3-3) after Craig Biggio was hit by a pitch. John Hudek (1-2) picked up the

win and Jose Lima got two outs for his second save. Trailing 3-1, the Astros scored

two runs in the ninth against Braves relief ace Mark Wohlers, who squandered Greg Maddux's chance to become the NL's first 18-game winner. Chuck Carr tied it with a solo home run.

Cardinals 4, Expos 3 David Bell hit a tying home run in the seventh and singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth, lifting St. Louis to a home win.

Piazza; Cooke, Johnson (2), Christiansen (3), M.Wilkins (5), Wallace (7), Ruebel (8) and Kendall, W-D.Reyes, 2-2. L-Cooke, 9-13. HRs--Los Angeles, Piazza 2 (31). Pittsburgh, Ward (3).

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Florida 000 100 003-460 Chicago 002 000 100-392 Saunders, Powell (7), Vosberg (8), Nen (8) and C.Johnson, Zaun (9); Trachsel, Patterson (7), Pisciotta (8), T.Adams (9) and M.Hubbard, Servais (9). W-Nen, 9-2. L-T.Adams, 1-8.HRS-Florida, Canine (13), Chicago, Orie 76 Conine (13). Chicago, Orle (6).

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# PM: Korean DMZ not feasible for Golan

### BY JAY BUSHENSKY

PANMUNJOM, Korea - After going halfway across the Bridge of No Return and walking back to the US and South Korean side of this divided peninsula's demilitarized zone (DMZ), Prime Minister Bioyamin said he saw little chance of Israel and Syria making a simi-lar arrangement in the Golan "The fact that peace is main-

tained [on the Golan] is due to our military power," Netanyahu said. "Like us, they [the South Koreans] are seeking a way to make all of these fortifications did not foresee any possibility of an imminent solution to Israel's military problem.

This was the second and last day of his official visit to Korea. He is scheduled to return to Israel today after a refueling stop in Baku, Azerbaijan, and an airport meeting there with his counterpart.

Netanyahu wore a tiger-striped army field jacket that seemed identical to the ones used by his hosts, the US Army,

"I kept this one since basic training in the paratroop corps," he quipped, recalling his days as an IDF combat officer.

Netanyahu was the fifth foreign leader and the first Israeli prime minister to visit the 42-year old DMZ, which was carved across the Korean landscape as part of the armistice agreement that ended the war between Korea's communist oorth and democratic south.

He saw intricate anti-infiltration fences that stretch for 246 km. from east to west, a Potemkin-type North Korean village that flies the biggest national flag in the world from atop an Eifel-like tower and a rival Republic of Korea banner on this side of the armistice line. Speaking at a news conference on his return to Seoul, Netanyahu

in the Golan Heights and the size of the forces deployed there are not the same He contended that the best way to formulate a plan to "achieve peace with Syria" was to examine

conditions "in our North" rather than to follow the Korean exam-With Sara Netanyahu and his official party, the prime minister took a 45-minute drive in his lim-

ousine-studded motorcade from Seoul to the DMZ, spent an hour there and drove back. He breakfasted with the Korean

capital's parliamentary friendship group, lunched with the heads of Korea's four major business asso-ciations (FKI, KFSB, KCCI and KFTA), met the chairman of the national assembly, toured the Samsung Semiconductors plant in nearby Ki-Heung City, was loterviewed by the Korean Broadcasting System and coo-ferred with the chairman of the Hanwba Group, one of whose trade representatives is based in Israel.

ANALYSIS

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China

"There is a great synergy between Korea's production, man-agement and marketing ability and Israel's capacity in key aspects of advanced technology," he said at the news conference.

Asked to specify the high-tech areas to which he was referring, Netanyahu listed "software, electronics, robotics, biotechnology and lasers and telecommunications."

"There is no area in which Korea engages to which Israel cannot contribute. We can develop the technology you need," he said. Turning to Korea's and Israel's common security concerns, Netanyahu said President Kim Young-sam and he discussed the "proliferation of ballistic missiles" and the danger of North Korean missiles being exported to Iran

on foreign (in their case, SEOUL - Prime Minister American) troops to keep the Binyamin Netanyahu's jet age peace and forced to use their effort to open up "a golden win-dow" for Israeli trade with the Far ingenuity to make up for a total lack of natural resources.

Netanyahu's oratorical theme. East was most successful in the Republic of Korea, less so in restated in all of his public speech-Japan and too brief to judge in es here, was that Israel's innovative talent combined with Korea's manufacturing and marketing The Koreans have an affinity for him personally and for Israel ability was a natural "marriage." in general. One senior diplomat He used it in Japan, too, but with said the public bere bas been folless dramatic results. The Japanese rightly see themselves as lowing bis career with admiratioo since the days when as ambasan economic superpower whose sador to the Uoited Nations be industrial inveotiveness and techhad to stand up against all the nological knowhow has generated a trillion dollar economy. Their

by war and terrorism, dependent that the Arab oil-producing states no longer can corner the international oil market, cannot impose another oil embargo and are comparatively static consumers compared to Israel's burgeoning yeo for imports, traditional policies are slow to change in Tokyo.

Perhaps the prime minister's sales pitch may have been a bit too shrill for Japanese ears. Perhaps his hastily arranged itinerary seemed incomplete without the customary call on their emperor (he was away on vacation) and without the reassuring presence of their foreign minister (he was abroad).

But had Netanyahu waited one more year for Japan to be able to grant him one of the four annual official visits budgeted for foreign heads of government, there would have been no chance of his potential business partners attending the

decided that the opportunity to pay an official visit to Korea jus-tified a bold foray into Japan as well, even if the level of protocol was lower than the Japanese

much more elaborate visit at a later date.

And above all, Netanyabu managed to get his main message across to all three Asian inter-

might bave preferred.

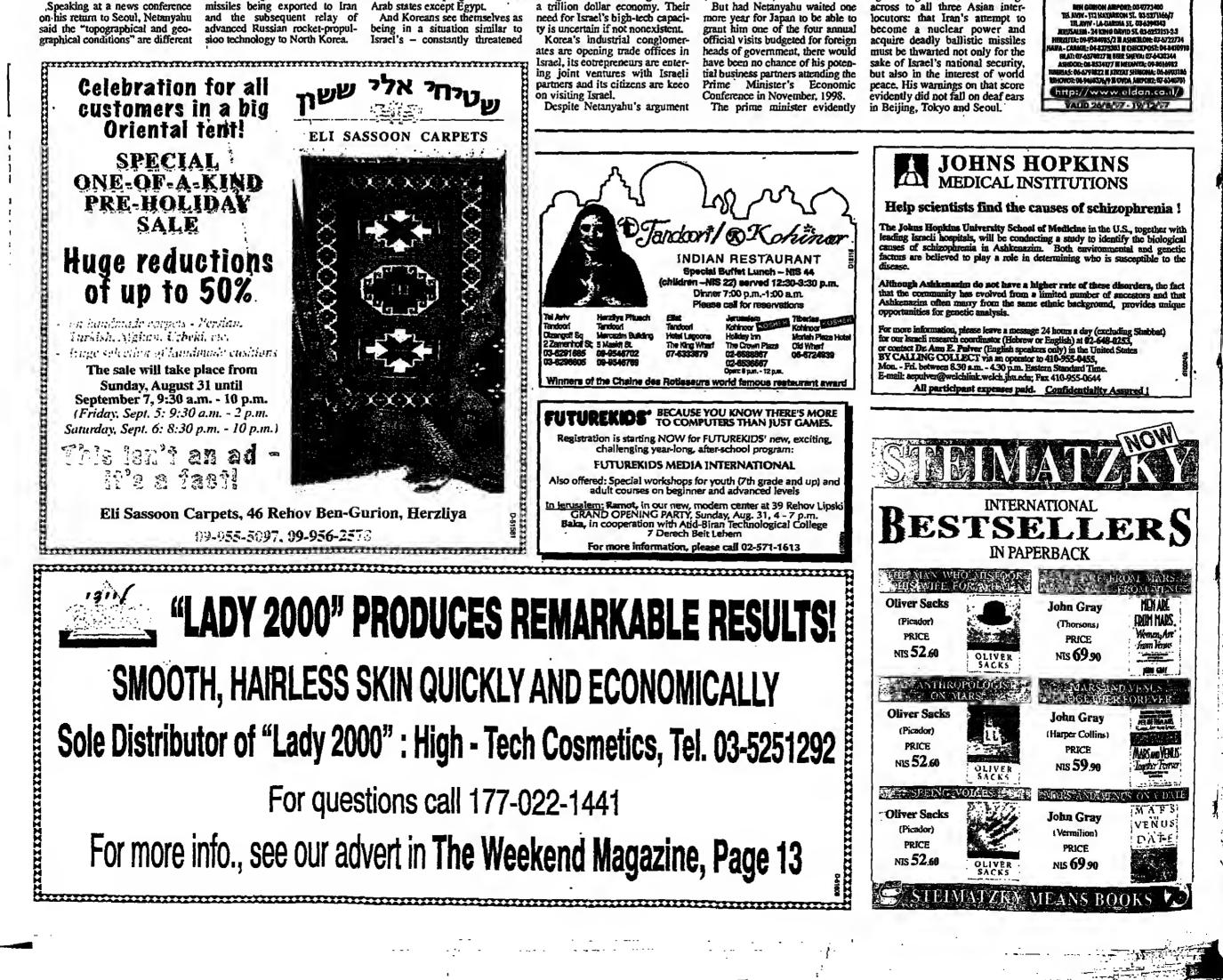
His prognosis of future events in Israel, which is not necessarily shared with the news media, may bave prompted him to go while the goiog was still good. As for China, how much can be expected from an airport stopover? It may have been the harbinger of a

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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara answer reporters' questions after visiting the demilitarized zone between north and south Korea yesterday.



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